

# **MINUTES OF THE MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING 1/7/97**

**MEETING OPENED AT 8:15pm**

**THOSE PRESENT: Phillip Ainsworth  
Noel Sharpe  
Robert Bee  
Peter Druery  
David McBean**

**APOLOGIES: Karen Bates  
Eric Brown**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE READ: Minutes Adopted.**

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Phil Ainsworth is taking care of the society "Business Cards".**
- Bob Bee and Phil Ainsworth will be giving the talk to Independence House.**
- Phil Ainsworth may attend the Nepean Astronomical Society Seth Shostak talk to lend them support - yet to be decided.**
- Phil Ainsworth is preparing a display for the Ingleburn Library.**
- Andrew Reid, a PhD student, will be presenting the November talk to our society.**
- The Commonwealth Bank has donated \$500 to the society for the purchase of a telescope. The committee thanks the Commonwealth Bank for their generous contribution to our society.**
- A date will be arranged for a representative of the Commonwealth Bank to officially present the (yet to be purchased) telescope to the society.**
- Ideas for the purchase of a society slide projector have been put on hold and funds raised will be redirected, to contribute to the purchase of the society telescope.**
- We will run a fundraiser (e.g. Jelly Bean guessing competition) to raise extra money for the telescope.**
- Noel Sharpe is looking into possible deals for the purchase of the society telescope. He has been offered a 6" Dobsonian for \$875. Noel will make further enquiries about Dobsonians.**
- Linden Observatory - Peter Druery has made some enquiries. Nepean use Linden Observatory as one of their viewing locations. John Jarman is their president. Ken Beams at Leura is the contact for obtaining permission to use the observatory.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Camp Constellation will be at Wilton on the 12th of July.**
- Macquarie University will be having their next Astronomy open night in August.**
- Possible future society social outings include a trip to the IMAX theatre at Darling Harbour to see the "Mission to Mir" film and a day at Dumeresq Street Twin Cinema in Campbelltown to see a "spacey" themed movie of some kind - possibly in August.**

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

-Looking into ideas for "workshops" for the August meeting. Members will be asked at the July meeting for their preferred workshop topics.

-In future we may be able to use land at Cobbity, owned by the Macarthur Anglican School, for some of our star nights.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:47pm