

# **MINUTES OF THE MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING 4/11/97**

MEETING OPENED AT 8:04pm

THOSE PRESENT: Phillip Ainsworth

Noel Sharpe

Robert Bee

Eric Brown

David McBean

APOLOGIES: Peter Druery

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

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Bob Bee will arrange to give a hard copy of the MAS logo to Eric Brown so that it can be scanned to make an electronic copy, which can then be used to make business cards, name badges, etc.
- Phil Ainsworth has offered to host this years MAS Christmas party at his home. The committee gratefully accepts the offer.
- The Christmas party will be on the first Sunday in December, starting from 12-1 in the afternoon.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Name badges:- A column will be placed in the attendance book at meetings, so that members can indicate if they have a name badge or not. Eric Brown will print the name badges using the same techniques that will be employed to make the MAS "Business Cards".
- A questionnaire will be included in the November Prime Focus to find out what changes the members might want made to the society ( e.g. meeting nights, etc).
- MAS will offer \$2 off the cost of membership of the society to SETI club members.
- Mention will be made in the November Prime Focus that members are to contact Noel Sharpe if they would like to know what society events are being held over the December - January period.
- Nomination forms for the 1998 MAS committee members will be made available for the November meeting.
- Karen Bates has sent a letter of resignation to resign from the committee.
- Eric Brown motioned that the committee send a letter of thanks to Karen for her contribution to the committee. Motioned carried.
- The committee decided that the society will no longer have a Social Secretary position.
- 1998 Astronomy Ephemeris's:- Those members who would like a copy of "Astronomy 1998" will be asked to pay in advance so that the right amount of books can be ordered. The MAS member price will be \$14. The money must be in by November 23rd 1997.
- It is still to be confirmed whether Andrew Reid will be available to give the November meeting talk. If he cannot Ragbir Bathal may be able to get the extra-solar planet searcher and discoverer, Dr Paul Butler to talk at our meeting.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- The society's account balance will be about \$600 after the money for the telescope is paid.
- Membership renewals should be paid by the end of February.

- The society will get a cheque account to facilitate easier financial transactions.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- The 1998 membership renewal forms will have an option for members to pay an extra \$5 which will ensure that they receive society newsletters if they miss a meeting.
- The November 1997 issue of Prime Focus will be posted to those members who do not attend the November meeting.
- The MAS telescope will be available for members to borrow. Borrowers will be asked to make a donation towards the upkeep of the telescope and the purchase of accessories. Any accidental damage must be paid for by the borrower. A list of safety tips and telescope care instructions will be provided with the scope. A list of what parts are included with the scope will be provided with the scope so that members will know if anything is missing. A telescope officer will be appointed to take care of the scope.
- The next Astronomy night will be on the 6th of December at Burragorang.
- The committee thanks Terry Storey for his help with the provision and sale of the telescope to the society.

#### **EDITOR'S REPORT**

- Phil Ainsworth was contacted by the Camden Crier to provide articles for that publication.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Eric Brown has kindly donated an Astronomy book towards an Amateur Photo Competition to be run by the society in the near future.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:36pm