

MINUTES OF THE MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING 3/3/98

MEETING OPENED AT 7:50PM

THOSE PRESENT: Noel Sharpe
Robert Bee
Daniel Ross
Eric Brown
David McBean

APOLOGIES: Phillip Ainsworth
Peter Druery

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE READ: Minutes Adopted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Eric has organised business cards/name badges.
- Ken Petersen will be giving a talk at the March meeting on light pollution.
- Bob Evans will be speaking at the April meeting.
- Phil Ainsworth will enquire about Bob Evans' travelling expenses.
- Membership forms and information sheets will be left at Camden Camera House.
- Anyone who pays their fees later than the 30th April must pay a \$10 joining fee.
- The committee has the discretion to grant honorary interim membership.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The committee will ask Ragbir Bathal to be the returning officer at the AGM.
- The Macquarie Uni Open night will be on the 4th of April.
- The Annual UWSM-MAS star party is to be confirmed.
- The next Wilton camp is on March 7th.
- The committee thanks Eric Brown for organising the Cobbity site.
- The P.O. Box keys will be held by Phil Ainsworth and Noel Sharpe.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- An accurate members register has to be made.
- Insurance is the largest single expenditure.
- A copy of expenses, income and proposed budget is attached to these minutes.
- Donations in 1997 came to \$684.30.
- Expenses in 1997 came to \$518.04.
- Bob Bee moved that telescope life is 10 years and we depreciate it as such. Seconded by David McBean. Motion carried.
- Bob Bee moved that we put aside money for replacing the telescope. Seconded by David McBean. Motion carried.
- Bob Bee moved that we put this money in a separate ledger in our present account. Seconded by Daniel Ross. Eric Brown dissented. Motion carried.
- Eric Brown moved that members who have paid from cut off date, that their membership be deemed as prepaid money for the following year. Seconded by Noel Sharpe. Motion carried.
- Eric Brown moved that the committee thanks Noel Sharpe for all his banking help. Bob Bee

seconded. Motion carried.

-Bob Bee reiterated that MAS financial year is from March 1st to February 28th.

-Noel Sharpe incurred expenses of \$5.90. Eric Brown moved that Noel be reimbursed.

Bob Bee seconded. Motion carried.

-Treasurer moved that budget as amended be accepted. Bob Bee seconded. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

-Ingleburn Express carries fortnightly articles by Phil Ainsworth.

-Articles from previous issues of Prime Focus are available to members upon request.

-Technical questions from members will be addressed in future issues of Prime Focus.

-At the next committee meeting we will discuss a competition utilising Eric Brown's donated prize

-At the next committee meeting the future purchase of extra telescope eye pieces will be discussed.

-We will ask Dick Everett what he knows regarding low light cameras.

-Daniel Ross suggested quiz nights as a fall back at meetings when no speaker is present.

-Daniel Ross and Ragbir Bathal suggest that dinner at "Sizzlers" be given to some guest speakers.

-Camden High School has asked MAS to put on an Astronomy night for them.

-Macarthur Anglican School has asked the same thing.

MEETING CLOSED AT 11PM