

Present: Noel Sharpe, Robert Bee, Daniel Ross, Peter Elston, and Bobbie Elston

Apologies: Phillip Ainsworth, Peter Druery

1) Previous minutes

a) Business Arising

- i) 3.5 - Wed 23rd June - Minto Scout Group is 1st Bardia Mob, Minto.
- ii) 3.6 – can stay overnight at the Scout Hall as it is leased
- iii) 3.7 – thanks to speakers
 - (1) Messier, Name Tags – thanks to Eric Brown
 - (2) Name Tags - Daniel to acquire
- iv) 3.10 – updated more information to come from Robert Bee
- v) 3.11 – take out
- vi) 3.12 – to finish
- vii) 4.1 – Accounted
- viii) 5.2 – Robert Bee noted 5 possible candidates in Campbelltown area
- ix) 6.1 – in general business
- x) 6.2 – Library – still outstanding
- xi) 6.3 – dealt

- b) Motion “that minutes be adopted with above amendments as a true and accurate record” Moved P. Elston, Sec. R. Bee, carried

2) Presidents report – nil

3) Vice-Presidents report

- a) 51 memberships
- b) Proposal to be put in Prime Focus that “the date of our AGM be moved to April for financial records to be compiled, audited and presented to the members”.
- c) Lloyd Write – new member, won Herald Bobroff charts at UWS Nepean, presented by Seth Shostak.
- d) 22 people at Cobbitty, to target members with telescopes
- e) Reprint of Messier list needed
- f) Next month’s meeting in newspapers –May – Leon Darcy, June – Don Whiteman
- g) Peter Druery asked to present at a meeting
- i) Moved B. Elston, Sec. D. Ross, carried

4) Correspondence

- a) Tailor made Observatory, Zimbabwe WPB
- b) Campbelltown District Philatelic Society – agreed to contact and arrange a speaker on Wednesday 12th October.

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6) Treasurers report

- a) Present under auditor’s advice. Financial details report – one sheet to represent everything.
- b) Bank - \$2,551.00 – approximately, no current bank charges included.
- c) Expenses
 - i) N. Sharpe
 - (1) Receipts Australia Post Stamps and envelopes (bulk supply envelopes) \$30.40
 - (2) Mobile phone calls \$5.79
 - (3) General phone calls \$13.10
 - (a) Moved R. Bee, Sec P. Elston, carried
 - ii) R. Bee
 - (1) Paper Prime Focus \$16.25
 - (a) Moved N. Sharpe, Sec P. Elston., carried
 - iii) Coffee money – covering costs
- d) Moved B. Elston, Sec R. Bee, carried

7) Editors report

- a) Pleased with Prime Focus – this one brief, 4 page, double-sided A3
- b) Moved D. Ross, Sec P. Elston, carried

8) General Business

- a) Dr Ragbir Bhathal sends his thanks and appreciation to the Society and it’s members for their effort and support on Saturday 1st May at the Astronomy Seminar, Lecture and Observing Night.
- b) P. & B. Elston – Messier search, good response
- c) Reach 30 Messier objects, go in Prime Focus and get award
- d) Section leaders in Prime Focus
- e) Tasmanian Astronomy Club – kept in folder by P. Elston, photocopy for Prime Focus
- f) Thank Don Whiteman for bringing his telescope to Astronomy Night, in Prime Focus

- g) Momento for auditor for services – Cookie barrel plus card
 - i) Moved R. Bee, Sec D. Ross, carried
- h) Keep a supply of maps and conditions to hand to new members
- i) Witches hats at Cobbitty to direct traffic
- j) Wine needed for raffles
- k) Observatory update – dome fixed, needs clean plus wiring and installing
- l) Observing Saturday 15th May

Meeting closed at 9.25pm