

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc
Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 14 October 2002

The meeting opened at 7.35 pm in the Cook house 38 Old Kent Road Ruse

Present John Koster, John Rombi, Ian Cook Noel Sharp, Lloyd Wright, Bob Bee

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read and accepted

Business Arising

- Belanglo Site perhaps not monthly use for 2003. Supply box being assembled. Drinking water supplies need to be carried, and consider limiting toilet flushing to necessary till further rain
- Botanical Gardens no reply to our decision last month
- Science teachers no communication further
- No response so far from NASA re Huygens probe
- Young Astronomers Workshop November 16 Site possibilities – Narellan Library, Lynwood Park
- Future Public Education: Harrington Park over 50's group – Kohn Koster November, Guides Jamboree at Kentlyn – John R, Lloyd, others, Siemens Science School at UWS, Wed December 11, 7.30 pm– volunteers needed

Observatory Public Night Report

About a dozen people attended October 12 cloudy but cleared after 10 pm.

Contact has been made with a Security and First Aid Officer for Observatory nights. This may result in solution for this constant issue with uni management.

Arrangements for 2003 is for 4 nights with definitely one in July to align with FANS

Report from FANS 03

Committee meetings for 2003 have commenced no report as yet

NEW BUSINESS

The following matters were tabled and discussed or agreed:

- New members were approved – Frederick Marais, Jansie Strydom
- Speakers for MAS Members Monthly – We are in touch with Fred Watson and will approach Monty Leventhal for a talk on Solar Observing. To approach Portable Planetarium dependent on cost arrangements.
- Ragbir with Uni will do room 5, Bldg 22 arrangements for 2003. Should be OK
- Christmas Party December 14 this year at Courtyard UWS Bldg 21. Same as last year
- FANS Certificates of Appreciation for participant members have been received and will be distributed
- Messier Certificates will be printed and distributed – John R
- Astronomy 2003 order this year will be 30 books and 10 large size star wheels

Treasurer's Report

Payments to Young and Cooke for Prime Focus printing and to John R \$13, and Ian C \$24.87 were approved.

Bank balance is \$3663.75

Membership is approx. 55-60

Mailbox

Promotion from Astrovisuals was received, no further action

E-mail from AS Tasmania re insurance received and passed to John K

Business For Next Meeting

Public Education Review

Christmas Party program

Astronomy 2003 order

Young Astronomers Workshop Report

NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm November 4, Koster House 23 Holdsworth Drive Narellan

Meeting Closed

9.35pm