

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc  
Minutes of Committee Meeting

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2003

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm in the Rombi household

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

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read and accepted, moved Bob B seconded Noel S

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Member's Meeting Speakers - Confirmed Fred Watson for Feb 17, authorised spending \$100 for accommodation if necessary

Field Night Dates To be confirmed. Uncertainty over Belanglo as long-term site due to Insurance and other activities

Sale of Astronomy 2003 - Proceeding

Follow up Astronomers Workshop - Two family memberships have resulted.

Report from FANS 03 Committee Have been contacted re support and personnel.

Can send up to 7 scopes for July 26

**Observatory Public Night Report** Observatory Dates - April 12, July 12, Sept 6, Nov 1  
as yet unconfirmed with Raghbir

**NEW BUSINESS**

The following matters were tabled and discussed or agreed:

Public Liability Insurance Noel has been in communication with The Community Care Underwriting Agency who will insure us for \$10 million. An application has been made declaring all core activities and we are waiting for a reply with a fee statement

Request from Phillip Halloran Bob Bee and Lloyd Wright to give talk on night sky to dinner party guests at Mittagong. Costs – min \$50 Ian to get details and send to Bob.

New Member applications Approved for Bill Daws, Trent Tyas, Kurt and Michael Blewett, Cheryl and Shane Bleasdale, and Bernard Kornfeld. Letters to be sent

Fee Rise Agreed to raise fees by \$5.00 for all members beginning March 2003. New members since October 2002 continue at old rate for 12 months as usual. To be announced at February meeting, published in Prime Focus, and have By-Laws up dated. (See below)

**Treasurer's Report**

Bank balance \$3667.25. John Koster presented a budget proposal for 2003/4 which indicated that fees would have to rise to cope with extra expense of insurance, postage and other incidentals in future. In order to preserve a very modest surplus, the fee rise was moved by Bob, seconded by John R and unanimously agreed.

**Mailbox**

Request for help with telescope assembly passed to Bob, Information on membership was sent, all other notices and retail brochures were presented

**Business For Next Meeting**

Observatory date confirmation

Meeting speakers

Insurance

Report from Mittagong

Annual General Meeting Agenda

**NEXT MEETING**

Meeting Closed

7.30 pm March 3, Sharp House 24 Clydebank Crescent Glen Alpine  
**10.20 pm**