

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 3rd March 2003

The meeting opened at 7.53 pm in the Sharpe household

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

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read and accepted moved Noel, seconded John K

Business Arising from Minutes

Meeting Speakers: Fred Watson's talk was excellent. Other future speakers include Ragbir Bhatl, Monty Leventhal

Insurance: We have a current Public Liability insurance contract for the next twelve months with The Community Care Underwriting Agency. Our application covering all possible core activities was accepted with our cheque, so we are covered.

The invitation to Mittagong did not take place due to unsuitable weather on the night.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A question was raised at the necessity to be registered as a Charity. To be investigated

Possibility of Astronomy Workshop to be considered

AGM: Text for an announcement re elections was agreed. Procedure for elections was clarified. Nominations to be accepted until 7th April, 2003. Discussion of member's assumptions or expectations about the re-election of committee members and perhaps a longer nomination time frame to continue

Observatory Public Night Report Still no confirmation of dates from Ragbir

Report from FANS 03 Committee

The date for the public viewing at North Sydney has been changed to July 20. This is a Sunday evening with a last quarter moon. The committee is dubious about the level of support and participation to be expected with work and school the next morning

New member approved Lesley Southwell

Treasurer's Report

\$3218.75 in bank. Fee for POBox at Minto approved for 2003/4. Due to new Pub Liab. Policy, two insurance premiums have been paid out in the one calendar year.

Discussion of the functions of the Treasurer concerning the membership list database, and the mailout of Prime Focus will be continued

Mailbox

Macquarie University Astronomy Night notice

Business For Next Meeting

Nominations for office bearers

Decision re gift of scopes and books

Meeting Speakers

Astronomy Workshop Date and Venue

FANS evening

Nomination time frame for elections

Responsibilities of Treasurer

NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm April 7, Cook house 38 Old Kent Road Ruse

Meeting Closed

9.56 pm