

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting August 4th 2003.

Meeting started 8.05 pm at 24 Clydebank Crescent Glen Alpine Home of Noel and Carmen Sharpe

Present were Noel Sharpe, John Rombi, Dick Everett and Ian Cook. Bob Bee arrived later having given an apology before.

Apologies: Lloyd Wright due to work commitments

Minutes of the previous meeting in July were read and moved for acceptance by John Rombi, seconded Noel and Dick

Business Arising from the minutes

1. Security at the Oaks airfield: John R held discussions with the management of the field and we are still welcome there despite problems with changes to locks at the gate. New padlock and keys to be purchased and the chain arranged so we can enter at will. John and Dick to action.
2. Fishers Ghost Star Night: The decision to not participate has been communicated to Helene Buchmann verbally. We had no official involvement so this should end the matter.
3. FANS 2003 was a success despite the weather with 1500-3000 people and the media being present. Esteemed President MAS happened to be in right place at right time to get 3 minutes of TV fame. Other members had good time with public. No word on future events.
4. Ideas for the website were discussed and noted as a beginning.
5. Decided to trial the smaller version of Prime Focus for one more month and to canvass reaction from members.

New Business:

1. Observing dates for immediate time ahead are: The Oaks 23/8, 20/9; Belanglo 27/8, 27/9; UWS Rotary Obs. public night September 6
2. Meeting Speakers: Russell Cannon has agreed for August 18 and Bob Bee for September. October /November still in process.
3. Report from International House student night at Belanglo:
4. University staff were very impressed with members contribution and expertise. No fees for staying overnight will be owed in future for those nights involving students from International House.

Treasurer's Report

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Information from SOLIS, a Mars photography site and a new Powerhouse exhibit were shared.

Next Meeting September 1st at John Rombi's house

Meeting Closed 9.55 pm