

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc
Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: February 2nd 2004

The meeting opened at 7.50 pm in Lloyd and Mary-Lou's home

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

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read and accepted, Moved Bob, seconded Noel.

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Raghbir Bhatl hard to contact, now based back at Campbelltown campus, still attempting to get him to Feb meeting. We feel restricted in making plans for use of Observatory site till we get explanation. Noel to continue attempts to liaise.
2. A hosting organization for our website is being researched. Ian to make search, Bob to sound out other societies at AAAA
3. Speakers for Members meeting are OK till April?
4. Agreed to continue place ads in Community Diary with local newspapers each month, Dick to undertake.
5. Procedures for Annual General Meeting were reviewed and actions taken. Finances to be audited in usual way

Report from FANS Committee

Festival of Astronomy to be held again in 2004. Date selected by committee is 26th June at North Sydney Oval. Bob confirmed as our representative to this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

The following matters were tabled and discussed or agreed:

- A. Observing dates for 21 Feb and 20 Mar have been booked and confirmed with International House for the cabin in Belanglo forest. Later dates for the rest of the year will be confirmed after our Public Liability insurance is renewed.
- B. Said insurance renewal should come in mail during March/April
- C. April observing night will incorporate a 'Half Messier'. John to arrange.
- D. The Oaks airfield gate padlock has been sorted once more. Usage to be arranged through John Rombi.
- E. Minutes received from ASA (Astronomical Society of Australia) inform us that any association of astronomical societies of Australia would not need to be incorporated, or have an executive body. This would simplify its procedures and setting up. We await further word concerning this proposal.
- F. The society has received a gift of books relating to astronomy from the estate of a man in Milperra. Books to be catalogued and made available for loan to financial members.
- G. Invitation received from Alex of Bargo to visit his 24 inch Dobsonian telescope. To be reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

\$4450.82 in bank. Expense of \$15.98 approved to NS

Mailbox

Our authority to fund raise has been granted for a further 5 years by the Department of Gaming and Racing

Business For Next Meeting

Members meeting agenda
Observing dates
Annual General Meeting agenda
Rotary Observatory
Firewood for Belanglo cabin
Community Education opportunities

NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm March 1st

Meeting Closed

9.15pm