

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc
Minutes of Committee Meeting

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm in Dick Everett's home

Date: 3rd May 2004

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

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes of past meeting in March were read and BB moved and LW seconded their acceptance. Welcome to new Management Committee for 2004/5

Business Arising From Minutes

- a. It was decided to continue with our own Public Liability insurance coverage for the time being as we have just started a new policy and we are covered for all foreseeable activities. A verbal agreement was given to Brett McMillan to consider the Webster-Hyde proposal in 2005.
- b. The FANS 2004 organizing committee have announced the cancellation of any event this year due to inability to coordinate dates with Nth Sydney oval.
- c. The MAS website is available for trial viewing at www.users.bigpond.com/slsouthwell/macaastro.org.au/index
- d. Some typos need fixing and design work is continuing. A decision re hosting will be made after comparison of host providers costs and inclusions.
- e. Rotary Observatory: Some social contacts with rotary members are keeping us knowledgeable about concerns for the observatory program and equipment.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Meeting Speakers: May meeting will demonstrate safe techniques for viewing the transit of Venus on June 8th. July speaker is Dr John O'Byrne from Sydney Uni Physics dept, October is Michael West from Mars Society. Still seeking for Aug, Sept, November

Observing Dates: Belanglo – 15 May 04, 19 June 04, 17 July 04.
The Oaks – 22 May 04, 12 June 04, 10 July 04.

Membership Approvals Applications were considered for Kate Johnston, Daniel Ross, Melanie Withers and Robert Sheehan. All were accepted for membership. New Name badges for current year will be available soon.

Treasurer Report \$4845.45 in bank. All appropriate expenses submitted were approved for payment. Our membership stands at 40 paid up members with reminder notices to be sent this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Transit of Venus Approach made to UWS for members to view from oval.
Public Education Discussions are in progress with Wollodilly Council re use of facilities at Dudley Chesham Sportsground at the Oaks for public observing.

Project Discussion Exploring May 22, 23 as possible dates
Further to last months project of locating a large reflector for regular use: it has been discovered that Picton and Wollondilly shire have a connection with Carl Ludwig Rumker and his observatory "Stargard". The historical society appear interested in our idea of a public observing facility and may give support. Contacts are continuing.

Business For Next Meeting

Regular Business	Transit of Venus
Hosting of Website	Stargard II
Firewood for Belanglo	

NEXT MEETING 7.30 pm June 7th, Bee household
Meeting Closed **10.05 pm**