

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc
Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 4th April 2005

The meeting opened at 7.50 pm in Ian and Patsy's home

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

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read and accepted

Business Arising from Minutes

- ❖ Public Liability insurance for 2005-6 has been paid.
- ❖ Ned Pastor has kindly accepted responsibility for Belanglo keys pick up and return.
- ❖ Library magazines and books will be catalogued by committee members. Index for S&T to be obtained from internet to assist in promoting articles. Decision concerning content of Library to made post analysis.
- ❖ Speakers- Zane Hammond for May, Fred Watson for June/July.
- ❖ Field trip for members to Magellan Observatory Lake Bathurst, south of Goulburn planned for June 11/12.
- ❖ Internal raffle suggested last month to be run over 3 months with 3 major prizes. First winning ticket to have choice of all 3 prizes, second to have choice between two and third to receive third prize. Prizes – Sky Atlas laminated, 16x70mm Binoculars and observing book, Telrad finder scope. Prizes donated by J Rombi, Andrews Communications and Bintel / Sky & Telescope??
- ❖ Public Education Mt Carmel HS change of date to May 18 or 25.
- ❖ John R has spoken to new owners at Oaks airfield to make aware of our activities.
- ❖ Macastro Starnight at Dudley Chesham Pony Club field –May 14. John R to arrange
- ❖ Decadal (10 Year) Plan Questionnaire to be completed by Noel for Raghbir B.

Observatory Public Night Report

- March 18 did not happen due to overcast weather. We will not encourage alternative dates due to conflict with MAS events. Next date June 10

NEW BUSINESS

The following matters were tabled and discussed or agreed:

1. John Casey has responded to our invitation to act as Returning Officer for AGM elections.
2. Nominations for all positions have been received and will be posted on website by weekend.
3. April meeting program other than AGM will be DVD.
4. New Public education date for Guides at Tara camp in July accepted.
5. Dick E tabled results of research on data projectors. Decided to put to membership at April meeting that we buy Hewlett Packard machine suitable for small meeting hall, approx 2-3500 lumens, cost \$2400 with bonus portable screen.
6. New badges for current financial year will be blue for members and yellow for MC. Daniel to organize.
7. New memberships for Grahame Thomas and Frank Pataky were approved.
8. Bob asked that contributions to June Prime Focus be submitted before end of May

Treasurer's Report

\$5252.86 at bank, no expenses were submitted to this meeting. Accounts are being audited for AGM. Reminder to prepare for submission to Dept of Fair Trading within 30 days of AGM.

Mailbox

Macquarie Uni Astronomy Open Night May 21.

Business For Next Meeting

Advertising for Macastro Star Night,
Public Education,
Raffle, Field Trip Magellan, Rotary Obs June 10.

NEXT MEETING 7.30 pm May 2nd Everett house
Meeting Closed 9.45pm