

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm in John and Jenny's home

**Present** Noel Sharpe, John Rombi, Lloyd Wright, Ian Cook, Dick Everett, Daniel Ross, Bob Bee

**Apologies:** **None**

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read, moved and accepted.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

1. Inclusion to the Constitution of "Life Membership" category. Any change to the Constitution would require payment of a fee (approx \$89) to the Dept Fair Trading to register it. Due to rarity of this honour being granted it was thought unwarranted to incur the costs to include this in the Constitution. Certificates given to persons so honoured will include the words: "Honorary Life Membership". Honorary Membership is already in the Constitution.
2. Community Observatory project – Wollodilly Council happy to support "recreational" use of Oval facilities at The Oaks. MAS encouraged to submit Development Application when ready and to build bridges to other users in meantime. Confusion over gaining access and keys still exists at present. A letter of request has been sent and we are awaiting a response.
3. Changes to our room booking at UWS for February meeting with Fred Watson have been noted and circulated.
4. MAS Junior club leadership group required. Members encouraged to volunteer, Noel to approach likely people when ready.
5. AGM notification has appeared in Prime Focus and will be highlighted at meetings in lead up. Nominations for Management Committee to be received no later than two weeks prior to meeting and published on website, seven days before.
6. Speakers- **March** - Michael Dopita, **April** – AGM and Ian Cook, **May** - Don Whiteman, **June** – Melissa Hulbert

### **Rotary Observatory Report**

Open nights for 2006 are scheduled for:

February 17, March 24, May 12, December 8

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$3129.38 in bank. All outstanding invoices have been paid; no expenses were submitted to this meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The following matters were tabled and discussed:

Tara Guides camp April 1<sup>st</sup>

Macarthur Anglican School plans for observatory confirmed.

New Memberships approved for Ivan Fox, Keith Teasdale.

Prime Focus publishing early in March

AstroCamp Lostock Dam was good skies, good lectures - emphasis on astro imaging, daytime weather very hot

### **Business for Next Committee Meeting**

Public Education dates

AGM

### **NEXT MEETING**

7.30 pm March 6<sup>th</sup> at Ian and Patsy's home  
**38 Old Kent Road RUSE**

Meeting Closed

**9.25 pm**