

The meeting opened at 7.35 pm in Lloyd and Mary Lou's home

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

Apologies: None

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read, moved Noel S, seconded Bob B and accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Macastro Star nights were provisionally scheduled for Stargard field on September 2 and October 14. If Sept is clouded out the October one is not too far separate to maintain interest.
2. International House have asked for input to their student camp day on August 5th. Speaker and telescopes being arranged.
3. Ten members have expressed their intention to visit Magellan Observatory 21 – 22 July, Friday and Saturday.
4. Business type card with website and club details for general distribution is still being arranged.
5. Preparation for 10 year presentation proceeding depending on renewal of current membership.
6. Speakers- **May** - Don Whiteman, **June** – Melissa Hulbert, **July** – Ken Freeman (possible), **Aug.** possible Doug McEarchan, **September** – Paul Francis ANU, **October** – Tim Bedding U Sydney, **November** – possible George Descarla. A friend of Bruce Reardon

Macarthur Space Cadets Report

Five participants attended the first meeting. Participants showed keen interest and attention to the talk and enthusiasm for star watching after. An article has been published in the local paper 'The Chronicle' featuring an interview with Noel and his son Daniel. The Macastro website now contains a dedicated page to Space Cadet news.

Rotary Observatory Report

Open nights for 2006 are scheduled for: May 12, December 8

Treasurer's Report – 2005 Books have been audited. Current balance is \$4094.62. PO Box has been paid for 2006. All outstanding invoices have been paid; expenses submitted to this meeting were approved for payment. JR \$44.40, Dept Fair Trading \$39.00.

New Business

The following matters were tabled and discussed:

- As the intention is to hold most star nights at Stargard field once we have confidence in the access and usage issues, duplicate keys for the Oaks airfield are on hold. Noel to explore keys for Stargard.
- A small entry fee for Macastro Star Nights at Stargard field was suggested to cover equipment and other OH&S risk provisions. To be discussed further.
- Making parents aware of the need for control of small children with signs, lights, car parking was also discussed

Business for Next Committee Meeting

Public Education dates

MAS promotional Card

Space Cadets Report

Rotary Observatory Report

Stargard field issues

Magellan trip

NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm June 5th at Daniel and Kate's home

Meeting Closed

9.25 pm