

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm in Lloyd and Mary-Lou's home

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

Apologies Noel Sharpe

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read, moved Lloyd W, seconded Daniel R, and accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Change in production of Business Card to home made template using pack from Officeworks. Dick and Daniel to proceed Ian to send artwork to them.
2. Metal badges celebrating 10-year – production blanks were ok'd to use black enamel on gold design. To proceed forthwith. (Daniel)
3. Speakers- **November** – Tim Bedding U Sydney. **2007 – February** – Mike Salway (Ice in Space), **March** – Bob Evans, **April** – AGM and members discussion groups.
4. **Rotary Observatory Report** - Next is scheduled for December 8. Bob to promote in Chronicle column.
5. Stargard Application completed and sent to Pat Farmer.
6. **Treasurer recommendation to increase incoming funds.** It was pointed out that our expenses have steadily increased over the past 12 months outstripping our income. Two methods were discussed to augment the income of the Society.
 - Increase the annual membership fee by \$5.00. (i.e. 35, 55, 25, 25 dollars)
 - Increase the charge for cups of coffee and biscuit by \$1.00. (i.e. from 1 to 2 dollars a cup)
 - Do both

It was recommended that this matter be taken to a general meeting (AGM) for indication of how membership would respond.

New Business

Treasurer's Report – Current balance is \$3029.71 in bank. Expenses presented to this meeting were Ian \$5.00 for stamps, Quasar Publishing \$404 approx. Approved for payment.

The following matters were tabled:

- Astronomy 2007 books have arrived and will be available at November meeting.
- An invitation to hold a star observing session with Narellan Scouts was accepted for the 17th Nov. to run from 8-10 pm.
- Three new members were approved. Debra Taylor, Rosemary Abela and Graeme Bellamy
- Our observing program through December and January will be available at the November meeting
- **MAS official position on Pluto was unresolved** as the committee was divided four ways. One - stick to traditional description as planet. Second - accept IAU wording. Third – accept although unsatisfactory (ie dwarf planets clear their orbit) but explain to public if questioned that IAU need to be more exact. Fourthly – probably will not get many questions because public will make up own mind and children will be taught by teachers in school. All present thought that the definition would probably develop as new facts came to light.

Business for Next Committee Meeting

Stargard funding status.

MAS January meeting program

Observing schedule and promotion during December/ January

Updating website pages for Mars and Pluto

End of year function if any

NEXT MEETING

December 4th at Daniel and Kate's home 121 Lancaster Ave Punchbowl
7.30 pm

Meeting Closed

9.20 pm