

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm in Daniel and Kate's home

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

Apologies Bob Bee,

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read, moved Ian C, seconded John R, and accepted.

Business Arising from past Minutes

1. Narellan Scouts observing was considered good involvement.
2. Dick has purchased business card pack from Officeworks and needs artwork from Ian, who will send forthwith.
3. Metal badges celebrating 10-year – production blanks were ok'd to use black enamel on gold design. To proceed forthwith. (Daniel)
4. Speakers- **2007 – February** – Mike Salway (Ice in Space), **March** – Bob Evans, **April** – AGM and members discussion groups.
5. **Rotary Observatory Report** - Next is scheduled for December 8. Bob to promote in Chronicle column.
6. **Treasurer recommendation to increase incoming funds.**
 - That annual membership fee be increased by \$5.00. (i.e. 35, 55, 25, 25 dollars), and that the charge for cups of coffee and biscuit by \$1.00. (i.e. from 1 to 2 dollars a cup).
 - Membership be informed of this in January and February to take effect from 1st March 2007.

New Business

Treasurer's Report – Current balance is \$3190.86 in bank. Expenses presented to this meeting were Noel \$12.78, Dick E -\$30.50. Approved for payment.

The following matters were tabled:

- January meeting was decided to have DVD
- Stargard application – Noel has been contacted and informed that 'if successful' only 50% of the finance requested would be given. This being queried with Pat Farmer.
- Our observing program through December and January was announced as:- The Forest Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17. The Oaks Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10. Two visits to Magellan to be arranged for April and September 2007.
- **MAS official position on Pluto.** It was noted that the NSW Education Dept have chosen to make no change to curriculum in primary schools. All members should be prepared to engage public in discussion of the IAU resolution. As an organization we have an open mind.
- Public Liability insurance for 2007/8. It was believed this would be OK with a new policy being offered at comparable rates. However no details were available as to premium rates or even which company would be involved.

Business for Next Committee Meeting

Updating website pages for Mars and Pluto
Revamp of website

NEXT MEETING February 5th at Dick Everett home 48 Albert St. Ingleburn 7.30 pm

Meeting Closed **9.15 pm**