

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm in Dick and Valda's home

Present Noel Sharpe, Dick Everett, John Rombi, Ian Cook, Daniel Ross, Lloyd Wright, Bob Bee and welcome to Kate Johnston (editor Prime Focus)

Apologies Nil

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read, moved Ian C, seconded Noel Sharpe, and accepted.

Business Arising from past Minutes

1. Public Liability Insurance cover. We understand a new policy will be offered by QBE similar to the previous years in good time. If premium is also similar recommended we ask for policy document explaining cover and take up offer.
2. Dick has produced business cards using pack from Officeworks. All urged to distribute to contacts and enquirers.
3. Metal badges celebrating 10-year have been produced and available for AGM. Thanks to Daniel for organizing.
4. No adverse feedback was received from members re fee and coffee rise. New schedule is now in effect, and fees are being received.
5. Stargard funding application. No progress through GROW committee for Liverpool. Other contacts being explored

Regular Business

- Treasurer's Report. \$3289.78 in bank, invoice for badges \$210.00 approved for payment.
- Speakers- **2007 – February** – Mike Salway (Ice in Space), **March** – Bob Evans, **April** – AGM and talk by Bruce Reardon, **May** - Melissa Hulbert, eclipse chasing. Don Whiteman sometime and **September** – Fred Watson.
- **Rotary Observatory Report** – Five dates from Raghbir, our involvement still under negotiation; 23/3, 13/4, 25/5, 10/8, 12/10
- Mailbox – Information from Wollondilly Council and YHA and enquiry from Peter Kiff re content of meetings. RB to answer and urge to membership.
- New Membership from Clive Pickup was approved. Secretary to send welcome letters.

New Business

The following matters were tabled:

- a) The website has been updated and revamped
- b) Visits to Magellan Obs. Dates under review due to request from members. Proposed have only one trip in April and consider cancel September.
- c) Due to requirements of Wollondilly Council re our use of Dudley Chesham Oval and Stargard field it is proposed that we appoint a representative to attend their facilities management meetings to present our requests and opinions. Job description and level of authority to be formulated by Noel, John and Bob and presented to next meeting.
- d) Extra copies of Astronomy 2007 have been purchased for members.
- e) Preparation for AGM. Nomination slips for Management Committee will be available at back of sign-in book this month and members urged to use.
- f) The cataloguing of our library resources remains unfinished and the future of these books and magazines needs to be decided

Business for Next Committee Meeting

1. Regular business
2. Public Liability insurance
3. AGM preparation – Nominations to Sec. By 3rd April, Returning Officer, Minutes, Election procedures, Presentation of Badges to PA and members (by who?)
4. Representative to DC sportsground management meeting
5. Library resources

NEXT MEETING
Meeting Closed

March 7th at Ian and Patsy's place, 7.30 pm
10.20 pm