

The meeting opened at 7.40 pm in Ian and Patsy's home

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

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read, moved John R, seconded Bob Bee, and accepted.

#### **Business Arising from past Minutes**

1. Public Liability Insurance cover. A new policy and cover has been offered and accepted from Local Community Insurance Services. Policy offers greater assurance for "all normal activities" of MAS. This removes the necessity to notify the insurer in advance of any one-off events involving less than 500 people.
2. 10-year badges will be awarded at the AGM. Invitation to Phil Ainsworth to attend (all expenses paid) to receive Founders Badge and present other 10-year badges. If this not possible ask Ragbir Bhatia.
3. Magellan April field trip- Seven participants at present. Final numbers and deposits to be received at March meeting. Likely cost approx \$45-50 each. Second trip September still on.
4. Dudley Chesham 355 Management Committee Representative formerly known as Stargard Liaison Officer. A preliminary position and role description is in process of finalization. (JR-NS-RB)
5. Bob Bee contacted Peter Kiff (enquiry last month) who attended last meeting and talked with some of membership. Any further contact up to him.

#### **Regular Business**

- Treasurer's Report. \$3656.78 in bank, invoices for extra Astronomy 2007 \$166, Public Liability insurance \$729.77 and Gift of Appreciation \$52.00 approved for payment.
- Speakers- **March** – Bob Evans, **April** – AGM and talk by Bruce Reardon, **May** - Melissa Hulbert, eclipse chasing, **September** – Fred Watson. Don Whiteman and Peter Reid (SDM) sometime.
- **Rotary Observatory Report** – 23<sup>rd</sup> March changed to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March to tie in with Earth Watch lights out night. Our involvement with other dates (13/4, 25/5, 10/8, 12/10) still under negotiation;
- Mailbox – No relevant mail.
- New Memberships from Christiane Gurney and Howard Pew approved. Secretary to send welcome letters.

#### **New Business**

The following matters were tabled:

- a) Martin Ferlito addressed the committee about making a Video CD of astro photographs from members for fund raising. MC suggestions and corrections send to Bob who will liaise with Martin. An initial expenditure approximately \$50-60 was authorized.
- b) A gift of appreciation totaling \$52 approx was made to Susan Woodcock and family, owners of stud farm at Belanglo for use of property during appearance of comet McNaught. Attention was drawn to need for prior authorization for financial expenditure in the Society's name
- c) Preparation for AGM. Returning Officer- Chris Malikoff. One nomination received so far. Nomination slips for Management Committee will be available at back of sign-in book this month and members urged to use.
- d) Proposal to hold all future MC meetings on Wed or Tues nights to be considered.
- e) Request approved for John Rombi to borrow data projector during March.

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

1. Regular business and AGM preparation – Nominations to Sec. By 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Returning Officer, Minutes, Election procedures, Presentation of Badges to PA and members (by who?)
2. Representative to DC 355 Mngmt Comm
3. Library resources

**NEXT MEETING**  
Meeting Closed

April 4<sup>th</sup> at Noel and Carmen's place, 7.30 pm  
**9.50 pm**