

**Meeting location:** Martin & Linda Ferlito's – 13 Pine Ave. Bradbury

1. **Present:** John Rombi, Martin Ferlito, Bob Bee, Dick Everett, Lloyd Wright, Kate Johnston,  
**Apologies:** Daniel Ross
2. **Minutes of Previous meeting dated 1st May 2007:**  
The minutes were taken as read.  
Moved/Seconded/Carried that the minutes be accepted.
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
  - 3.1 **Dudley Chesham 355 Mgt C'tee Representative:** The By-laws need to be amended to include agreed description of Position. Bob to send to Martin for putting on Website.
  - 3.2 **Library resources:** \$31 was raised at May meeting from sale of material. Some books remain. They will be offered for sale again at next meeting. After that, any remaining will be offered free to members.
  - 3.3 **Outcomes of notifications of changes in Executives and Contacts:** Most required actions completed. Bob still to advise Insurance provider of change of contact.
  - 3.4 **Bank signatories:** Some technicalities to be sorted out. Process is in hand.
  - 3.5 **Need for Financial Audit:** for AGM. The pros & cons of having audit were discussed. If dispensed with (changes to DoFT rules no longer require audits for small societies unless required by its constitution), the constitution would need to be amended via a Special General Meeting and lodged with DoFT, costing \$60. There is a question of perception of probity by the Committee. There is the question of cost of having each audit done. All these need to be considered for best outcome for members. For the next meeting, Martin will talk to a neighbour who may be able to do audits at minimal cost. For discussion at next meeting.
  - 3.6 **Consideration of joint meetings with other societies:** John R reported he is in contact with WSAG. No action to report at moment.
  - 3.7 **Workshops in 2007:** The June meeting will have a Polar Alignment W/shop; July will be a Collimation w/shop.
  - 3.8 **Status of DVDs sales and production:** There were some technical issues re printing covers of new discs. 50 are being done. Discussion on PayPal method of payment for DVDs sold via the website. Also cheque/money orders.  
  
It was **Moved/Seconded that:** Martin set up a PayPal account. Martin to present a report on the account at each Management Committee meeting.  
**Carried.**
4. **Regular Business:**
  - 4.1 **Treasurer's report:** Financial report to 5<sup>th</sup> June 07 tabled. Some membership payments have been received. Expenses of \$14.50 ( Gifts for guest speakers -JR), \$31.66 (Post out stamps & envelopes -DE) and \$40.00 (MAS promotion cards - DE) were approved by committee.  
Martin advised that he didn't seek recompense for his expenses in purchasing the blank DVDs. He was thanked for his contribution.

4.2 **Monthly Speakers:** There has been no change to the list of speakers as per the May Prime Focus.

4.3 **Rotary Observatory night 25<sup>th</sup> May:** A very successful night, with clear sky. There were about 40 members of public present.

## **5. Correspondence**

5.1 **Letter from Pat Farmer M.P.:** Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (VSEG) applications due 22nd June. Possible grants of up to \$3,000 if we qualify. Committee members were asked to think about possible applications in time to lodge application if appropriate.

## **6. Membership**

6.1 Application (with payment) for Family Membership from Dr Matthew White. Committee approved application. Bob to advise Matthew.

## **7. New Business**

7.1 **Other parties requests to join us at Belanglo:** Issue was discussed. It was agreed that individual MAS members can invite friends to Belanglo individually as their guests. However, for continued attendance, they would be requested to join MAS as members.

7.2 **Payment methods for items sold through website:** Covered by Item 3.8 above.

7.3 **Use of MAS website for members personal ads:** Discussed and agreed that members may use the macastro website for ads for personal sales (relating to astronomy) at no cost to the members.

7.4 **Web hosting:** There was discussion about possible change of webhost. Chris Malikoff suggested a different host, Dreamhost. This appeared much cheaper and more Gb than current host. If we proceeded with Dreamhost, would start with 1 year contract (\$144 c.f. \$240 current). Martin would look into the process of change-over, method of payment etc. Will report back next Management Committee meeting.

7.5 **International House:** Bob provided John Rombi with copy of the Public Liability Insurance policy for John to send to International House to meet their needs.

## **8. Business for Next Committee Meeting**

8.1 Consider future dates for Dudley Chesham nights.

8.2 Possible Camden/Narellan Library Astronomy Workshop.

9. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007, 7.30pm

10. **Closing of Meeting:** Meeting closed 10.00pm