

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

1. **Present:** John Rombi, Martin Ferlito, Daniel Ross, Bob Bee
Apologies: Dick Everett, Kate Johnston, Lloyd Wright.
2. **Minutes of Previous meeting dated 5th June 2007:** The minutes were taken as read.
Moved/Seconded/Carried that the minutes be adopted.
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - 3.1 **Action on amending By-laws and placing on website:** All completed.
 - 3.2 **Status of remaining library resources:** \$20 was raised in the June General Meeting. The remainder will be brought to the July General Meeting and offered free to members. Any remnant will be recycled.
 - 3.3 **Status of bank signatories:** All completed.
 - 3.4 **Need for financial audits, availability of auditor:** It was agreed that auditing of MAS accounts is still appropriate to provide transparency to members. Martin advised that his neighbour is willing to do the audits for us. Consideration for this is to be arranged.
 - 3.5 **Status of DVDs and Paypal account:** A Paypal account has been established by Martin. There is currently a stock of 47 DVDs (50 less 3 proofs run off by supplier). A copy has been sent to Greg Bryant (Editor of Aust. S&T) for review.
 - 3.6 **Report on alternative website host:** The current webhost is valid for the rest of the year. Martin and Chris Malikoff have discussed process of change-over to new host. Can be done without problems. The domain registered name can be transferred and can be paid via Paypal. This item does not need to be considered further till the end of the year.
 - 3.8 **Future nights at Dudley Chesham sports ground:** After discussion, it was decided that 22nd September is the best night.
 - 3.9 **Resources for workshop at Narellan Library:** Bob advised he has arranged a Public Workshop on Backyard Astronomy with the Narellan Library. This is to be held on Wednesday 22nd August. John Rombi volunteered to assist Bob with his telescope. (Only one telescope needed.)
4. **Regular Business:**
 - 4.1 **Treasurer's report:** Tabled in Dick's absence. Discussed.
Moved/Seconded/Carried it be adopted.
 - 4.2 **Speakers:** No change from previous minutes. Don Whiteman's talk will be about building an equatorial mount.
 - 4.3 **Rotary Observatory Report:** The next night is scheduled for 17th August. Agreed that this should be cancelled and replaced with the night for Lunar Eclipse 28th August. John will liaise this change with Ragbir. Ragbir to arrange all necessary advertising.
 - 4.4 **Prime Focus Editor report:** The cut-off for contributions to July issue is Thursday 12th.

5. Correspondence

- 5.1 **Outwards:** Letter to Local Communities Insurance Services advising of change in contact person (changed to Secretary, Bob Bee).
- 5.2 **Inwards:**
 - 5.2.1 **Letter from Chris Hayes MP** re Volunteer Small Equipment Grants. No action to follow as it does not apply to MAS activities.
 - 5.2.2 **NACAA to be held in Easter 2008** at Penrith. John Rombi will provide details in future prime Focus.

6. Membership status and applications

No new information. To be discussed in detail at next meeting.

7. New Business

- 7.1 **Astronomy Education Seminar** – Penrith. Ragbir Bhathal advised John Rombi this is set for Saturday 3rd November 2007, 9am – 5pm. Requested 20 minute papers for presentation. \$80 cost per person to attend. MAS has been asked to provide members to help organize the event. After discussion, agreed that John will advise Ragbir we would like to help but are already fully committed with other activities.
- 7.2 **Sydney Observatory Open Nights 6th & 7th July:** Bob gave verbal report on the outcome of Saturday. Tony Law and Bob provided a display of MAS activities etc. Over 2000 people attended the night, with a much smaller number visiting our stand. Tony and Bob have offered to organize a permanent traveling display facility.
- 7.3 **Request for a viewing night by Guides Group:** From the 3rd Panania Brownies and Girl Guides. John Rombi to contact and arrange date and details.
- 7.4 **Keys for Stargard:** At present John Rombi has only copy. We need 3 more people to have keys. Agreed it should be Martin Ferlito, Lloyd Wright and Chris Malikoff.
Moved/Seconded/Carried that 3 sets of keys be cut and distributed.
- 7.5 **MAS Information Flyers:** Bob to arrange to provide Australian Geographic shop at Macarthur Square with flyers to hand to customers asking about MAS.

8. Business for Next Committee Meeting

- 8.1 **Side-Walk Astronomy:** The possibility of providing Side-walk astronomy activity was raised. This is to be further considered, particularly with regards to suitable locations and safety/security. Possible location at Garden centres on Thursday nights?
- 8.2 **Sponsors for MAS:** Discussion was held on possibility of obtaining sponsors. Possible ads in macastro website? Partnerships.

9. **Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th August, 7:30pm.** Martin and Linda's.

10. **Closing of Meeting: 9:30pm**