

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

1. **Apologies:** John Rombi, Lloyd Wright
2. **Minutes of Previous meeting dated 10th July 2007:** The minutes were taken a read. **Moved/Seconded/Carried** that the minutes be adopted.
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - 3.1 **Report on details of 3rd Panania Brownies & Guides night** – report provided by John tabled by Martin. “They have been advised to come to the Rotary Observatory on open nights. Otherwise too far for a week-end visit.”
 - 3.2 **Progress on extra keys for Stargard:** No keys yet cut. John Rombi has in hand.
 - 3.3 **Info re MAS for Australian geographic shop at Macarthur Square** – Bob Bee reported that paper copies of information has been handed to AG Shop and an electronic copy sent to them.
 - 3.4 **Discussion on possibilities of Side-walk astronomy activity:** Various possible venues were discussed. Bob Bee will investigate lighting levels and sky view from Mount Annan Flower Power and Harrington park Garden Magic car parks. As appropriate, will make initial enquiries with their management.
 - 3.5 **Possibility of sponsorships:** Explored ideas. Mainly as ads in Prime Focus and on website. Need to have an idea of what value (\$) sponsorships we are seeking for what levels of benefits to sponsors. Martin to draft a set of sponsorship levels and benefits for discussion at next meeting.
4. **Regular Business:**
 - 4.1 **Treasurer's report:** Report for Year to Date tabled. The 2006 cheque for ‘security’ at Stargard night has finally been presented. This brings the bank's balance into line with our accounts.
Moved/Seconded/Carried that the report be adopted.
 - 4.2 **Speakers for remainder of year:** The speakers for remainder of 2007 were reviewed. August (Ian Cook); September (Fred Watson); October (Don Whiteman – TBC); November (Peter Reid – TBC). If Peter Reid is not available, consideration may be given to Garry Kopf – the designer of Argo Navis device.
 - 4.3 **Rotary Observatory Report:** Will be assisting with the Lunar Eclipse public observing night on 28th August at the Domes. Ragbir Bhatl will be organizing publicity. MAS will be asking for as many scopes as possible for this big event.
 - 4.4 **Prime Focus Editor report:** Kate reported that so far items for the August issue are a ‘bit thin on the ground’. Articles should reach her by 13th August.
5. **Correspondence**
 - 5.1 A letter received from Mr David Malouf of North Balgowlah seeking information about MAS. Bob has mailed out a reply.
6. **Report on Membership status and applications**

Dick emailed to committee members the latest list of paid up members, totalling 55.

An application for Full Membership was received from Michael Raftery.

Moved/Seconded/Carried that the application be approved. Bob to mail confirmation.

7. New Business

- 7.1 Frank Alvaro has donated his 200mm F6 Newtonian Dob telescope to the Society. This means MAS has two Dob telescopes (150mm F8 and 200mm F6). Both with Focal length 1200mm. Discussed how to manage them. A possible idea was to loan one to a local Library for lending out. Committee needs to consider the logistics for this. If agreed. Explore the idea with Council Libraries. For next meeting.
- 7.2 Martin presented John Rombi's report that a person from 30km NW of Goulburn contacted him about joining MAS and will be attending Belanglo on 11th August as John's guest.
- 7.3 Secretary will facilitate actions agreed at meetings by providing an Action List at the end of each set of minutes.

8. Business for Next Committee Meeting

- 8.1 Martin tabled John Rombi's request to revisit the decision regarding "classified section for website." Need to outline regulation for use.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd September at Martin & Linda Ferlito's

10. Closing of Meeting: 9:00pm

Item No.	Action By:	Action
3.2	John Rombi	Arrange cutting of 3 sets of Stargard keys and distribute
3.4	Bob Bee	Investigate Side-walk Astronomy sites at garden centres
3.5	Martin Ferlito	Draft scale (\$) and benefits of sponsorships
4.2	John Rombi	Confirm month Don Whiteman speaker. Confirm speaker for remaining month (October or November).
6.1	Bob Bee	Send email to Michael Raftery advising of membership approval.
7.1	All	Consider logistics of loaning one scope to Library, for next meeting discussion.