

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

1. **Present:** John Rombi, Martin Ferlito, Dick Everett, Kate Johnson, Daniel Ross, Lloyd Wright, Bob Bee. **Apologies:** N/A
2. **Minutes of Previous meeting dated 4th December 2007:** Moved/Seconded they be adopted. CARRIED
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - 3.1 **Guessing Competition for spare society 8" Dobsonian telescope:** John reported that Mike Smith (BinTel) had agreed to donate a prize. There will be Fred Watson's autographed book "Why is Uranus Upside Down?" It is planned to start selling tickets in March, including outside MAS. Possible at the Campbelltown Show, open nights, on the Macastro website. Kate and John will design the tickets and strategy for pricing of tickets.
 - 3.2 **Progress with layout of website:** No more progress on development of the mock-up site at this stage. At this stage, original website will be redeveloped.
 - 3.3 **Chat Room proposal:** This has been deferred for moment.
 - 3.4 **Progress with Asset Register items locations:** The locations of all assets have been identified. It is not the intention to have them returned to a central location, but to have the Asset register updated to record who has them in custody and where.
 - 3.5 **Sale of Astronomy 2008 and plani-spheres:** Sales are progressing slowly. We have a number of the plani-spheres available.
 - 3.6 **Campbelltown City Show:** The number of volunteers at meeting time was 5 committed. Need a minimum of 6, preferably at least 9 (to ensure there are at least 3 people available on all 3 days). Kate, Daniel and Lloyd added their names. We are confident we should get at least 1 more from the General Meeting. Decision was made to go ahead with the Show. Bob to contact Show organizers to confirm facility details, security of display etc and then forward paperwork to register. It was agreed MAS would pay \$15 for an 8' table.
4. **Regular Business:**
 - 4.1 **Treasurer's report:** The financial report was tabled. M/S/Carried it be adopted. New membership items referred to Item 6 of agenda.
 - 4.2 **Speakers for 2008:** New speakers available this year are – Andrew Jacobs (Post Graduate in Sep or Oct re Cepheid Variable); Dr Lazlo Kiss re Red Giants and CCD photometry; Miroslav Filipovic (from UWS).
 - 4.3 **Rotary Observatory Report & Other Public nights:** Nothing new to report.
 - 4.4 **Prime Focus:** Kate reported she had an abundance of contributions and the February Prime Focus will be a very full issue.
5. **Correspondence**
 - 5.1 **Inwards**
 - a) Membership application from Andrew Wood. Tabled with Treasurer
 - b) Membership application with outdated fees cheque.
 - b) Copy of Universe journal. Passed to John Rombi for information.
 - c) National Convention of Amateur Astronomers notice. Copy of previous notice. Noted.

5.2 Outwards

- a) Letters to Michael Clark and Eddy Bagnall advising of approval of their Membership applications.

6. Membership

The application for membership by Andrew Wood was approved. An earlier applicant for membership had used an old form and paid less than required. He was contacted and agreed to forward additional payment which had not been received at the time of the C'tee meeting. His application for membership was approved subject to receipt of the additional payment. Secretary is to write to the approved applicants to advise.

7. New Business

7.1 Tee-Shirt Logo and discussion on existing Club Logo:

Tee-shirt symbol proposals are being received from members. It was decided to put final decisions on hold till after the AGM.

7.2 Workshops for 2008: Deferred - To be discussed at future Committee Meeting.

7.3 Preparation of coming AGM: Official Notice, call for nominations: Members to be reminded verbally at February General Meeting. Detailed requirements to be discussed at the March Committee Meeting.

7.4 Custodian of MacDob telescope: Need to consider who will be custodian of MacDob. Currently Bob Bee but Bob now hasn't the room. For March Committee Meeting.

8. Business for Next Committee Meeting

- 8.1 AGM preparation
- 8.2 Custodian of MacDob
- 8.3 Pricing/Tickets for MAS Guessing Competition.
- 8.4 Club Public Liability Insurance
- 8.5 Plan details for Campbelltown Show display.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th March 2008

10. Meeting closed at 9:30pm

11. Action Items for Next/Future Meetings

Item No.	Action By:	Action
3.1	John Rombi Kate Johnston	Design tickets for guessing comp. for 8" Dob etc. Decide on ticket price structure.
3.4	Dick Everett	Update MAS assets register to reflect locations of assets.
3.6	Bob Bee	Send registration documents to Campbelltown Show organizers by end of February 08.
6	Bob Bee	Write to Andrew Wood and 'other' about membership application acceptance.