

The meeting opened at 7:30pm at Dick and Val Everett's home, Ingleburn

1. **Present:** John Rombi, Dick Everett, Kate Johnston, Daniel Ross, Lloyd Wright, Bob Bee
2. **Minutes of Previous meeting dated 12th February 2008:** Minutes were Moved/Seconded/Carried that they be adopted.
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - 3.1 **Guessing Competition for spare society telescope.** Kate showed a draft of ticket layout. Design was agreed upon. It was agreed that tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10. Tickets will be printed in books of 12. Competition will be advertised as drawn on 21st July 08 at the July General Meeting. Propose to have tickets ready for the Campbelltown Show in 4th – 6th April.
Kate will be coordinator of distribution and return of tickets and monies.
 - 3.2 **Asset register update:** The location of all Society assets has been entered into the Asset Register for future reference.
 - 3.3 **Membership of Applicant:** To date, the balance of membership fees to make up current fee levels has not been received from a current applicant. Membership approval is pending receipt. He will be followed up.
 - 3.4 **Campbelltown City Show:** Show organizers have been advised by email that MAS will participate with a stand. Details of proposed activities/resources for the stand were discussed and approved. Payment to Show Society of \$30 for two 8ft tables and \$100 for bond was approved.
Our greatest concern was insufficient MAS volunteers to man the stand. Need more people for Friday and Saturday. Sunday is covered OK. WE do not wish to stress the current volunteers with overlong hours or number of days.
4. **Regular Business:**
 - 4.1 **Treasurer's report:** Current Income/Exp sheet tabled and discussed.
There was concern that the \$2 contribution for tea/coffee/biscuits was not being observed by many members, resulting on decreased income.
Report Moved/Seconded/Carried as adopted.
 - 4.2 **Membership:** No new membership applications this month.
 - 4.3 **Speakers for 2008:** Miroslav Filipovic will be moved to the March Meeting, with Kate and Daniel speaking at the April AGM.
 - 4.4 **Rotary Observatory and other Public nights:** No public nights being organized at this time. After the Campbelltown Show, Committee will look at arranging some public nights at the Oaks.
 - 4.5 **Prime Focus:** The March issue requires more submissions. Closing date at Monday 10th March. There has been an offer to help Kate with the proof reading of Prime Focus.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Inwards

- a) Invoice from Australia Post for mail box: Received and will be dealt with.

5.2 Outwards

- a) Letter to Andrew Wood re approval of Membership application. Sent.
- b) email sent to Campbelltown Show organisers confirming MAS participation.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Tee-Shirt and caps:** John advised that Martin Ferlito has offered to continue the organization of the club tee-shirt and caps. This offer has been gratefully accepted.

- 6.2 Preparation of coming AGM:** There will be official notice and call for nominations in this coming March Prime Focus. Nominations must reach the Secretary at least 2 weeks before the AGM (on 21st April). Committee will require a new Vice-President, Secretary and possibly a new committee member. All executive/committee positions are open for election.
Nomination forms will be available at the March general meeting.

- 6.3 Custodian of MacDob telescope:** Lloyd Wright offered to become the custodian of the club's 6" dobsonian – MacDob.

- 6.4 Club Public Liability Insurance:** It was realized that the current PLI policy expired this week and no notice had been received from the insurer. Bob will follow up the insurer urgently to arrange renewal of the policy.

- 6.5 Discussion of UWS 'monthly fee' for meeting room:** John reported on communications he has had with the UWS about a rental fee for the room used by MAS. To date, the arrangement between MAS and UWS has been rent free, which has been greatly appreciated by MAS. However, UWS now sees the need to require a booking fee of \$35 per month. MAS has agreed to pay this fee.
However, with MAS income and expenses, this will be difficult to manage unless members are prepared to consistently contribute \$2 for the tea/coffee after meetings. This income, if all contribute appropriately, will cover the room cost.

7. New Business for Next Committee Meeting

None noted at this stage.

- 8. Next Meeting:** Monday 7th April at Lloyd Wright's.

- 9. Closing of Meeting:** Closed at 8:45pm.