

1. **MEETING OPENED at 7:45 pm at John Rombi's residence, Eagle Vale**  
**Present:** John Rombi (Chair), Daniel Ross, Dick Everett, Ivan Fox, Stewart Grainger & Roger Powell. **Apologies:** Lloyd Wright.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008:**  
 Motion to adopt the minutes as a true and accurate record. Moved JR, seconded SG, carried unanimously.
3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** **ACTION**
- 3.1 **AGM: Appointment of MAS Secretary:** The position has been vacant since the AGM. In compliance with the MAS Constitution, JR moved that the committee appoint Roger Powell as Secretary. Seconded RE. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3.2 **Guessing Competition:** 50-60 tickets were sold at the Show. Ticket books have been distributed to some members. The draw will be at the July General Meeting. All
- 3.3 **Tee Shirts and Caps:** JR is now ready to e-mail members to gauge the numbers required. Cost will be: shirts \$25.00 and caps \$15.00. The winning apparel logo was announced at the April General Meeting, following a membership vote. JR
- 3.4 **Logo:** JR indicated that the longstanding official MAS logo would not be replaced by the apparel logo which is only being used on tee shirts and caps.
- 3.5 **Custodianship of MacDob Telescope:** SG is now the MacDob Custodian. RE will provide SG with a form for the borrower to acknowledge. The question of specific insurance of MacDob was discussed and it was agreed that this was not required due the age and depreciated value of the telescope. RE
- 3.6 **Laser Pointers:** Following some irresponsible pointing of lasers at aircraft over recent weeks, MAS sent letters to five politicians on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008. After four weeks, only two acknowledgments have been received. Bob Bee has drafted an "Open Letter" from JR, for RP to issue to local press. The Oaks police have been informed by JR of the use of lasers by members. RP
4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**
- 4.1 **Treasurer's Report:** RE circulated a financial report, indicating a current balance of \$4551.70 at 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008, with some cheques still to be presented. Since the last meeting, income was \$410 from membership fees. Outgoings included general expenses for postage, business cards, Campbelltown Show, postage and caps, totaling \$192.88. DR and RP to register signatures at Commonwealth Bank at Macarthur Square. DR/RP
- 4.2 **Membership:** RE advised that membership at the close of 2007-08 was 66 and advised that the current membership for 2008-09 is 51. RE will send reminder notices to members who have not renewed yet. RE  
 Receipt of full membership fees was confirmed and membership approved for Mohammed Ali Baddah, Jenny Rombi and Trevor & Anne Rhodes. RP to send receipts to Baddah and Rhodes. RP  
 RE will issue current membership contact details list to committee members. RE  
 JR reminded committee members that list usage must comply with Privacy laws. All
- 4.3 **Guest Speakers for 2008:** May General Meeting: Professor Gaensler from Sydney Uni Physics Dept. to speak about Magnetars. Press releases issued 4<sup>th</sup> May. UWS and some schools informed. Bob Bee expected to mention in "Heavens Above". RE will contact local radio station. June will be Dr Laszlo Kiss from Sydney University; July/Aug: Ian Cook; Sept: Andrew Wood (Siefert Variables); Oct/Nov no booking yet. JR  
 Suggestions were Peter Williams (variable stars) and Gary Kopf.  
 JR requested committee members arrive early at the May meeting to help set up. All
- 4.4 **Rotary Observatory and other Public Nights:** Rotary night is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Need someone to sell tickets. Also considering a public night at Dudley Chesham Oval later in the year.

- 4.5 Prime Focus:** Kate has requested articles to be submitted to her by 12<sup>th</sup> May. All  
She has not had much so far. Contact details on cover to be updated. KR
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5.1 Inwards:**
- Acknowledgment letter from Ministry for Police, dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
Acknowledgment letter from Geoff Corrigan MP, dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
Letter from Campbelltown City Council requesting information update for the  
Community Database. RP to respond. RP  
Membership application from Trevor & Anne Rhodes. RP  
Southern Observer Magazine (Sutherland).
- 5.2 Outwards:**
- Letter to Bob Debus MP (Federal Minister for Home Affairs) dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
Letter to David Campbell MP (NSW Minister for Police) dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
Letter to Pat Farmer MP (Federal Macarthur) dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
Letter to Graeme West MP (NSW, Campbelltown) dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
Letter to Geoff Corrigan MP (NSW, Camden) dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
All of the above were regarding the misuse of laser pointers.
- 6 NEW BUSINESS**
- 6.1 Hunting in Belanglo State Forest:** It is understood that accredited hunters will SG  
be permitted to participate in feral animal control on public land areas declared for  
hunting under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act. SG agreed to investigate  
the implications for MAS usage of the Forest.
- 6.2 International House:** RP is to send a copy of the MAS insurance certificate to the RP  
Director, Jessica Carroll.
- 6.3 Toilet Facilities at Stargard:** JR commented on the lack of toilet facilities in view SG  
of the increasing number of female members attending star nights. He will contact  
the Council regarding use of a "Portalo". SG will investigate hirage costs.
- 6.4 Unscheduled Night at The Forest:** Ned Pastor has suggested additional JR  
observing nights at first or last quarter moons every 2-3 months. Jessica Carroll  
has advised this is ok. JR to discuss further with Ned.
- 6.5 Contact Details:** JR will ask Chris Malikoff to update Committee Member details JR  
on the members web page.  
RP to advise new contact details to: Bintel Newsletter; Campbelltown Council; RP  
Quasar Publishing, Peter Northfield (also advise now Building 22 for meetings)
- 6.6 Slide Box:** RE reported the slide box used at the Show was returned to Bintel.
- 6.7 Ten Year Badges:** DR requested a review of Thomas Flynt's membership, as he JR  
may be eligible for a badge award. JR will investigate.
- 6.8 Department of Fair Trading:** The DOFT Annual Statement Form 12 was RP  
presented by RP, reviewed by DE and signed by JR. RP to issue with \$44.00 fee.  
RP also presented DOFT Form 9, changing the name of the Public officer from  
R.Bee to RP. RP to issue Form 9 on receipt of Bob Bee's resignation. No fee.
- 6.9 2008 AGM Nomination Forms:** RP requested the nomination forms for JR  
safekeeping. JR will find out where they are.
- 6.10 AGM: Key for The Forest cabin:** It was suggested at the AGM that MAS obtain a  
permanent key. JR discussed this with Ned Pastor, who is happy to continue  
picking up the key. The Committee agreed not to pursue this.
- 7 BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Laser pointers, tee shirts, guessing competition, Rotary Observing Night.
- 8. NEXT MEETING:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 at Ivan Fox's residence
- 9. CLOSE OF MEETING:** The meeting closed at 9.10 pm