

1.	MEETING OPENED at 7:28 pm at Daniel and Kate Ross's place, Punchbowl. Present: Daniel Ross (Chair), Dick Everett, Ivan Fox, Stewart Grainger, Roger Powell. Apologies: John Rombi, Lloyd Wright.																																	
2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 7th JULY 2008: Minutes were read by DR. <u>Motion</u> to adopt the minutes moved SG, seconded IF, <u>carried</u> unanimously. RP noted minor inaccuracies in item 4.3 and that the incorrect names would be corrected in the corresponding item of these minutes.																																	
3.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:	ACTION																																
3.1	Guessing Competition: The draw was carried out at the July meeting. First Prize (Telescope): Don Jephcott (non-member); Second Prize (Binoculars): Michael Wells (member); Third Prize (Book): Geoff Young (member). It was decided to retain the advertisement on the website for one month.																																	
3.2	Laser Pointer Legislation: The meeting discussed the letter from Police Ministry re NSW legislation. NSW Weapons Prohibition Act Regulation is now law & prohibited weapons permits are required. Members of registered astronomical societies are exempt. RP is pursuing MAS registration with NSW Police Firearms Registry. In view of heavy penalties, it was agreed that that RP would initiate a voluntary laser pointer register to assist the Society & members in the event of a problem. It was also agreed to consider providing laminated membership identification cards for 2009-10. DR to review.	RP RP DR																																
3.3	Stargard Toilet Facilities. JR to discuss MAS access to existing facilities with Noel Sharpe and/or Wollondilly Council. (Deferred to September meeting).	JR																																
3.4	Stargard Liaison Officer's June Report: Possible benefactor provision for facilities upgrade. No new development. JR to review with N. Sharp. (Deferred to September meeting).	JR																																
3.5	ASA "Designated Observatory Status": Stargard does not meet the criteria.																																	
3.6	Ten Year Badge – Thomas Flint: JR to be asked to confirm that he has advised TF that MAS records show he has an approx. eight year membership.	JR																																
3.7	Hunting at Belanglo Forest: SG confirmed that a local shooter, Mr. John Cordin has been invited to address the September Committee Meeting.	SG																																
3.8	Tee Shirts and Headgear Orders: SG advised of a Narellan Vale business that provides as few as four items. SG will provide JR with prices by the next meeting.	SG/JR																																
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4.1	Financial Report: RE circulated a Financial Report, indicating: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">INCOME</th> <th style="text-align: right;">OUTGOING</th> <th style="text-align: right;">BALANCE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Previous balance:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5306.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Fee:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$40.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. Competition:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$308.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>UWS Room Hire</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$105.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Domain Name Reg.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$33.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$348.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$138.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Balance:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$5516.21</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total proceeds of the Guessing Competition were <u>\$523.00</u> with no direct costs. <u>Motion</u> to adopt the Report: moved SG, seconded IF, <u>carried</u> unanimously. RE presented an account of <u>\$37.50</u>, for Prime Focus mailing. <u>Motion</u> that account be paid moved RP, seconded DR, <u>carried</u> unanimously.</p>		INCOME	OUTGOING	BALANCE	Previous balance:			\$5306.21	Membership Fee:	\$40.00			G. Competition:	\$308.00			UWS Room Hire		\$105.00		Domain Name Reg.		\$33.00		Total:	\$348.00	\$138.00		Current Balance:			<u>\$5516.21</u>	
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4.2	Membership: RE advised that the current membership for 2008-09 is still <u>63</u> . <u>Moved</u> RP seconded RE that first prizewinner be offered free 2008-09 membership. <u>Motion</u> <u>carried</u> . RP to follow up.	RP																																

4.3	General Meetings - Room Bookings & Guest Speakers: Room 22 is booked until September. Oct & Nov to be booked by JR. Confirmed speakers: <u>Sept:</u> Andrew Jacob (Cepheid Variables); <u>Oct:</u> Dr. Lisa Harvey-Smith; <u>Nov:</u> Dr. Greg Madsen. <u>Dec:</u> No meeting. <u>Jan:</u> No speaker. <u>Feb:</u> tba. Ian Cook was due to speak at the August meeting but is unlikely to do so due to illness. DR will contact Ian. DR may speak on Mars probes or may ask R.Bee to speak. DR proposed Rob Hollow of CSIRO to be invited to speak in 2009.	ACTION JR DR
4.4	Members Observing Nights: 26 th July Stargard (cancelled); 2 nd Aug: Belanglo (cancelled); 23 rd August: Belanglo (with International House); 30 th Aug: Stargard. Website & Prime Focus adverts to be adjusted.	RP/DR
4.5	Public & Community Education Nights: JR to set new date in Sept. for Public night, before Daylight Saving starts. International House event to be 23 rd August and members are needed to support. DR will ask Bob Bee to make presentation.	JR DR
4.6	Prime Focus: Kate has requested articles to be submitted to her by 11 th August. Standby arrangements may be required for Sept. edition. The meeting discussed a transition to electronic distribution. <u>Motion</u> to put Prime Focus on website for access by members proposed DR seconded RE. <u>Carried</u> unanimously.	All DR/KR DR/KR
4.7.	Website: administration & content: The new website came online 7 th July. It was agreed that members (only) should be able to access committee members phone details on the website. It was agreed that the availability of MacDob should be indicated on the website. It was agreed that a message be sent to Chris Malikoff congratulating him on the new website.	RP RP RP
5	CORRESPONDENCE	
5.1	Letters Inward: Director-G. NSW Ministry of Police: confirming new laser pointer laws. Domain Registration Services: subscription 2008-2010 period \$33.00 due.	
5.2	Other Mail Inward: 'Night Sky' magazine July edition from Bintel (x10).	
5.3	Letters Outward: 'The Editor': postponement of June Open Day. Members without e-mail contact: rearranged July general meeting date. Wollondilly Tourism: decline membership. Domain Registration Services: cheque for \$33.00 for 2008-2010. Don Jephcott: re winning first prize & free membership offer.	
5.4	Other Mail Outward: Ian Cook: 'Get Well Soon' card.	
6	NEW BUSINESS	
6.1	There was no new business.	
7	BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Public night, Stargard toilet facilities, Stargard Liaison Report, Tee-shirts & headgear.	
8	NEXT MEETING: Monday 1 st September 2008 at Dick Everett's residence. Will include an address by Mr. John Cordin re State Forest shooting at 8.15pm	SG
9	CLOSE OF MEETING: The meeting closed at 8.47 pm	

Roger Powell
 Secretary
 6th August 2008