

1. **MEETING OPENED at 7.35 pm at Dick Everett's residence, Ingleburn.**
Present: John Rombi (Chair), Daniel Ross, Dick Everett, Lloyd Wright, Ivan Fox, Stewart Grainger, Roger Powell. Mr John Cordin (from 8.20 pm).
Apologies: None – all were present.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 4th AUGUST 2008:**
The minutes were issued in advance and were taken as read.
Motion to adopt the minutes moved JR, seconded IF, carried unanimously.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

ACTION

3.1 **Tee shirts & headgear.**

SG advised that Pan Sport at Narellan Business Park will fulfill small orders for an estimated: digitising cost of \$80.00; plus \$27-28 per shirt. Shirts need not be identical. Agreed that embroidery should be direct to shirt. JR was authorised to contact Pan Sport and place an order for digitising, if satisfied then to proceed.
Agreed to JR proposal for the appointment of a Club Merchandising Officer.

JR

JR

3.2 **Stargard Toilet Facilities.**

JR has established that the existing toilets are owned by the Pony Club. Noel Sharpe will negotiate with them this month for possible joint use and report back to JR.

JR

3.3 **Stargard Liaison Officer's June Report:**

The benefactor provision for facilities upgrade on site is considered a remote possibility but is to remain on the agenda. JR to review issues with Noel Sharpe.

JR

3.4 **Laser Pointers:**

RP advised that an application has been sent to the NSW Police Firearms Registry, for listing as an approved astronomical society. We are awaiting a response. The MAS voluntary Register of members possessing laser pointers is open and two members have already made submissions.

Agreed to RP suggestion that a letter be written to Campbelltown Police, introducing the society, advising them of our use of laser pointers and seeking advice about how local police will be treating this issue.

RP

3.5 **Membership identity cards:**

DR is investigating formats for 2009-10 membership cards and will report again next month. Agreed with DR suggestion that MAS Laser Pointer Policy should appear on the reverse and that the cards should be for all members, not just those with laser pointers.

DR

3.6 **Any other business arising from the minutes:**

There was no other business arising.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

4.1 **Financial Report:**

RE circulated a Financial Report, which indicated the following:

	INCOME	OUTGOING	BALANCE
Previous balance:			\$5516.21
Postage & Stationery:		\$37.50	
Membership Fee:	\$30.00		
Planisphere Sale:	\$25.00		
Tea Kitty:	<u>\$168.90</u>	_____	

5 CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION

5.1 Letters Inward:

P. Farmer MP - response from Minister for Home Affairs re laser pointers.
Payment reminder from Domain Registration Services. (Already paid).
Personal Message from Chris Malikoff.
E-mail from NSW Police Firearms Registry advising how to make application.
E-mail from Domain Registration Services advising domain password.
Letter from Macquarie University enclosing leaflets about their open day.

5.2 Other Mail Inward:

'Night Sky' magazine August edition from Bintel (x10).

5.3 Letters Outward:

Chris Malikoff appreciating his work on the new website.
Don Jephcott follow up, inviting him to August meeting.
NSW Police Firearms Registry, laser pointer exemption registration - application.
Domain Registration Services authorising re-issue of password.

6 HUNTING AT BELANGLO FOREST

Mr. John Cordin, a licenced shooter, addressed the committee following concerns that The Forest may be opened up for hunting.

Mr. Cordin showed us examples of different types of rifle ammunition used by hunters and discussed their target ranges in the forest and in the open; sound range; object deflection; and penetration. Night hunting is illegal in forests and illegal hunters would require spotlights. Legal hunting requires a permit and hunters are given maps of no-go areas. Hunting is under the control of the Game Council and State Forests and is not currently permitted at Belanglo. We should write to the Game Council if concerned about Belanglo being used in the future for legal hunting. We should contact local police if concerned about illegal hunting.

The President thanked Mr. Cordin for his very informative presentation. Mr. Cordin advised us not to go off "half-cocked" and he decided to "shoot through" before the meeting closed.

7 NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1** JR has received an e-mail from Peter Northfield of Quasar Publishing re details of MAS to go in Astronomy 2009. JR has provided the current MAS details. Agreed to order 35 copies this year (previously 30). Cost \$16.00, sell for \$20.00. (Buy in shops for \$25.00 to \$28.00).

8 BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Astronomy 2009, Tee Shirts, Open Night, MacQuarie night, shooting at Belanglo.

RP

- 9 NEXT MEETING:** Monday 6th October 2008 (public holiday) at John Rombi's residence.

- 10 CLOSE OF MEETING:** The meeting closed at 9.09 pm.

Roger Powell
Secretary
2nd September 2008