

1. **MEETING OPENED: at 7.43 pm at Stewart Grainger 's residence, Campbelltown.** **ACTION**  
**Present:** John Rombi (Chair), Daniel Ross, Dick Everett, Stewart Grainger, Ivan Fox, Roger Powell and observer Tony Law.  
**Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Lloyd Wright & Chris Malikoff.
  
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009**  
The minutes were previously distributed and were taken as read.  
Motion to adopt the minutes moved JR, seconded IF, carried unanimously.
  
3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
  - 3.1 **Rotary Observatory:**  
Ragbir Bhathal had been invited to this meeting to review the issues with the Committee and although he agreed to attend, he was unfortunately not present. JR & RP will attend a meeting at UWS on 5<sup>th</sup> February, to resolve the Public Night dates and operation of the observatory by selected MAS members. JR/RP
  
  - 3.2 **Stargard Toilet Facilities:**  
JR is trying to talk to the Pony Club direct, seeking use of their facilities. JR
  
  - 3.3 **The Oaks Airfield:**  
JR spoke to new owner (Paul) for new padlock arrangement and will meet him this month. JR
  
  - 3.4 **MAS Business Cards:**  
Proposed design to go ahead, SG will arrange quotes for 1000 & 2000. SG
  
  - 3.5 **Magellan Observatory:**  
Magellan are not yet in a position to offer a date. LW to follow up. LW
  
  - 3.6 **Membership Numbers:**  
RE has sequentially renumbered membership numbers of existing members, based as far as possible on joining date. New numbers to be incorporated on membership cards by DR. DR
  
  - 3.7 **AGM 20<sup>th</sup> April:** JR/DR  
Annual Reports: President, Vice-President, Treasurer & Auditor to provide annual reports. RE/GB  
Nominations: The nominations will close on 6<sup>th</sup> April with the Secretary. Forms are available but no nominations received yet. RP  
Auditing: Graeme Bellamy has agreed to carry out this task again.  
Ten year Awards: There will be only two awards, Lloyd Wright & Bruce Riorden.
  
  - 3.8 **Hot Stars, Cool Jazz:**  
Programme notes have been forwarded to the organisers by C. Malikoff.  
Members going are: JR (2), TL (2), GY (4), CM (2). Total ten.
  
  - 3.9 **Public Liability Insurance:**  
LCIS renewal due in April. Should arrange cheque at next committee meeting unless a better offer is received. TL is seeking an alternative offer. TL
  
  - 3.10 **Campbelltown Council Photographic Competition:**  
Some members are expected to submit entries.
  
  - 3.11 **Any Other Business Arising From The Minutes:**  
No other business.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

**ACTION**

4.1 Treasurer's Report:

RE circulated a report which showed the following:

<u>Previous balance:</u>	\$5140.92
Shirt sales:	+\$60.00
Astro 2009 sale:	+\$40.00
DVD sale:	+\$10.00
Postage:	-\$34.05
Pan Sports:	-\$24.45
Membership:	+\$230.00
<u>Current Balance:</u>	\$5422.42

Motion: "That the report be adopted" moved JR, seconded DR. Carried unanimously.

4.2 Membership:

Mike Goerisch (Minnesota, USA): Still no membership form, although we have accepted his membership. JR to follow up with Mike.

JR

Agreed that new membership should not be accessible via PayPal until CM has developed a method to ensure the membership form is submitted at same time. JR will discuss with CM.

JR/CM

Current membership for 2008-09 remains at 68 (2 up on last year).

4.3 Merchandise:

SG advised current merchandise stock is as follows:

Tee Shirts: 16 (assorted sizes, 5 ladies and 11 mens). 2 paid for but not distributed.

SG

Astronomy 2009: 2.

Star Wheels: 1 sold, left with 3 small & 4 large.

Magnitude DVDs: 39.

Sky & Telescope bulk subscriptions: JR now has 3 and will submit to S&T.

JR

New merchandise: SG has obtained MAS beanie hats quotes. Quantity 50 incl. embroidery and GST: Acrylic/Polar fleece lined \$10.20 each, Polar Fleece \$10.00, Acrylic \$9.00, Wool \$14.95.

SG

4.4 General Meetings - Room Bookings & Guest Speakers:

Room is reserved for 2009 – waiting for invoice.

Feb: Ian Cook. Mar: Geraint Lewis. Apr: AGM followed by Trivia Night (T&A Rhodes).

JR

May: Bryan Gaensler. Jun: Bob Bee (Mythology). Jul: Chris M. (Astro-imaging).

Aug: Andrew Hopkins. Sep/Oct/Nov: Workshops (telescope basics). May cancel Sept meeting.

4.5 Members Observing Nights:

Since last meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> January: The Forest - cloudy but some stayed long w/e for clear skies on Sunday night; 31<sup>st</sup> January: Stargard – 14 attended.

Coming up: 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Forest (Lunar); 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Stargard; and 28<sup>th</sup> Feb: Forest (NM).

JR sent e-mail to International House re Forest dates for 2009 & will follow up.

JR

4.6 Public & Community Education Events for IYA2009:

(i) Rotary Observatory Public Nights:

9 dates proposed to UWS, decision at 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. meeting with UWS. Have cancelled 4<sup>th</sup> April.

JR/RP

(ii) Campbelltown Show: Fri 3rd & Saturday 4th April 2009:

RP to submit entry form with cheque for hiring two tables @ \$15.00 and \$44.00 for insurance.

RP

JR to get 'coffin' from Bintel and e-mail members for rosta. Possible guessing competition.

JR/

Sub-committee of JR, RP and SG was formed to coordinate this event.

RP/SG

**(iii) Campbelltown & Airds Historical Society - Sat. 18th April 2009:**

R.Bee daytime lectures at 11 am and 1 pm. Members stall outside.

**(iv) The Oaks Historical Society - Sat. 18th April 2009:**

R.Bee evening lecture at 6.30 pm. Members stall outside. Followed by Stargard night.

**(v) Fred Watson Lecture 26<sup>th</sup> September:**

Fred Watson public lecture at UWS in conjunction with public night.

**(vi) Fishers Ghost Parade: November 2009:**

Applications for entry due middle of the year. Further debate adjourned.

**4.7 Prime Focus magazine:**

Deadline for February issue. 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Printed copies. One post-out left.

Electronic version: Are members accessing it? RP to seek page hit numbers from CM.

All  
RP/CM

**4.8 Website & Forum: administration & content:**

Added during the month: Image of the week.

Review of PayPal use for new membership fees. JR to ask CM for progress report on shopping cart systems. PayPal for new memberships should be stopped until cart is implemented.

JR/CM

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 Mail Inward:**

Bintel: Nightsky January (x10).

Campbelltown Show Society: Letter, entry form and conditions

**5.2 Mail Outward:**

Pat Farmer MP: Progress report re Observatory public nights.

Graham West MP: Progress report re Observatory public nights.

CCC Mayor Matheson: Progress report re Observatory public nights.

UWS – Professor Hesketh: Seeking approval of nine dates for open nights.

**6 NEW BUSINESS**

JR advised that National Parks and Wildlife have sought our cooperation on a public night in April but he has responded that we will be too busy that month.

**7 BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Rotary Observatory, Stargard Toilet, Website PayPal, Magellan, IYA2009 activities.

**8 NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 2nd March, 7.30 pm at John Rombi's home.

**9 CLOSE OF MEETING:**

The meeting closed at 9.43 pm.

*Roger Powell  
Secretary  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009*