

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Opened 7:30. Apologies Tony Law

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Proposed Jack Goralewski seconded Mike Nicholas.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Other business

No new business

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report- Tabled

Proposed Richard Curley seconded Carol McVeigh

4.2 Membership

New Members: Dave Manning, Carole Ann Lane.

Current membership: 75 including 5 Honorary and 1 associate membership.

An honorary membership will be awarded to David Jones in this financial year.

20 year award to Dick Everett this AGM.

4.3 Merchandise

Merchandise Sales: \$0

Forum Donations: \$13

4.4 General Business

Next forum speaker: Dr. Vanessa Moss (USyd).

'An evening with the Stars' Working group has made a schedule of planned activities.

4.5 The Forest

Last: 24-26th February 2017, washed out.

Next: 24-25th March 2017.

4.6 Stargard

Last: 19th February 2017, washed out.

Next: 1st April, 2017.

4.7 Public Outreach

Picton event (Susan Conroy) on 29 Apr 2017.

Astrofest SYD 2017; Saturday 1st July 2017.

Camden Library public night, 7th June, 2017.

4.8 Members' Trips

Tony Law has been in contact with Mark Rigby (Curator at the Brisbane Planetarium) and Jonti Horner (University of Southern Queensland) regarding a visit on the October long weekend.

A trip to China in 2019 is in discussions.

4.9 Fundraising

DOFT with regards our fundraising request.

Bunnings fundraiser TBA. Costs will be reviewed.

4.10 Website, Facebook

Chris Malikoff is continuing to work on the website. Roger Powell is taking over some responsibilities of the website.

Membership form to be updated with new fees.

4.11 Publicity

Media release for the month of March has been sent out to media outlets.

4.12 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

The committee discussed identifying and evaluating alternate sites for a future observatory.

5 NEW BUSINESS

Membership application form to be updated with new prices asap.

Email from Ragbir regarding mother daughter father son themed astro night was declined by the society as it was impractical. A draft reply email was written by Carol and sent to the committee.

Tony Law and Stewart Grainger will be away at the May forum. Stewart Grainger will ask Noel Sharpe or John Rombi.

Tony Law to email members regarding committee vacancies.

Ken Tran from Macarthur Camera House.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: April 3rd at Wivenhoe.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING: 9:20pm