

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Opened at 7:30.

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Proposed by Jack Goralewski, seconded by Henry Swierk.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Other business:

John Rombi to host May general meeting.

Tony Law will talk to Ken Tran from Macarthur Camera House

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report: Tabled by Richard Curley. Adoption proposed by Richard Curley and seconded by Mike Nicholas.

4.2 Membership

New Members: No new members.

Current membership: Stands at 86 total renewed. 36 previous members still to renew.

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

20 year award to Dick Everett this AGM.

15 year award to Bob Monkcom

10 year awards to Chris Malikoff, Grahame Bellamy and Steve Murphy

5 year awards to Peter Scott, Penny Reid, Andrew Wood and James Scott.

Tony Law received committee membership nominations from John Rombi and Barry Moore.

The committee discussed restructuring membership into tiers which would come with merchandise. This would apply to new members only. Carol McVeigh will draft a new format.

4.3 Merchandise

Merchandise Sales: \$25.00

Forum Donations: \$20.10

4.4 General Business

Next forum speaker: AGM. 24th, April 2017.

'An evening with the Stars': The sub-committee circulated an updated schedule for the evening. Accommodation and transportation for guests was discussed.

4.5 The Forest

Last: 24-25th March 2017 was cancelled.

Next: 28th - 30th April

4.6 Stargard

Last: 1st April, 2017. Clear skies and good viewing.

Next: 22nd April.

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.

Public Night at The Domes 8 April

4.8 Members' Trips

Tony Law to provide update on USQ visit on the October long weekend.

China 2019.

4.9 Fundraising

DOFT with regards our fundraising request.

Bunnings fundraiser dates to be drawn soon. Tony Law to contact Peter Sherlock from Bunnings. Costs will be reviewed.

Carol McVeigh completed a WSU grant application.

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 April was not sent out as the meeting is an AGM.

4.12 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

Tony will attempt to contact Troy Lancaster from the Tharawal local Aboriginal land council for any updates regarding the proposal submitted last year.

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 1 May 2017 Tony Law, Harrington Park

7 CLOSE OF MEETING: