

NEWCASTLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INC
MINUTES
23 February 2007

MEETING OPENED: 7.30 pm with 29 members and guests present.

CHAIRMAN: Mr Ghul Hussain

MINUTES: No minutes were available.

APOLOGIES: Patrick Barry.

GENERAL:

- Ghul announced that our new website would be up and running soon.
- Ghul emailed a request to Hunter Water for continued use of the viewing site at McArthur Street. He then spoke to Sandra who was doubtful that we would be given permission again. The members were urged to consider other options for viewing sites. Cook Park and Braye Park were noted as possibilities.
- There are still 12 copies of Astronomy 2007 magazine available at \$15 each. Bill will look into advertising them on the Ice In Space website.
- Science in the City will be held at Newcastle Museum from 31 July to 2 August 2007 for primary school students and from 7 August to 9 August 2007 for high school students. The club must consider manning a stall at the event.
- Lydia asked for volunteers to staff a display at the multipurpose centre in Charlestown on 17 March 2007.
- Ghul asked ten trivia questions and chockies were handed out as prizes.
- Dennis Zambelis spoke on "The Art of Telescope Making". He spoke of grinding, testing, and figuring telescope mirrors. He detailed several tests, most notably laser interferometry, in which he has developed considerable skill and expertise. He showed us slides of his observatories, telescopes, and related equipment. He held the audience spellbound with his wealth of knowledge of his art.
- David Hough spoke about the Peltier CCD cooler he is having fitted to his Canon camera.
- The next meeting will be on 30 March 2007 starting 7.30 pm, with Professor Bruce King as guest speaker.
- The meeting closed at 9.20 pm and a light supper was served.