

Perth Observatory Volunteer Group Inc. Minutes of Meeting - 18th September 2006

Present.

A. Abraham, J. Alcroft, I. Baran, T. Beston, J. Biggs, D. Alderson, R. Boelen, D. Emmerich, M. Freeman, B. Harris, G. Lowe, L. Martin, J. Milner, J. Morris, L. Robinson, E. Walker, A. Williams

Apologies..

T. Beardsmore, F. Bilki, G. Coletti, K. Ford.

Meeting commenced at 7.35pm

Confirmation of Minutes. Moved B.Harris seconded L.Robinson.

Business Arising from the minutes.

o The Working with Children Check cards are mainly needed if volunteers are going to schools, but all volunteers are requested to get one by Dec 31st 2006 by the Govt Astronomer.

o The new gate to be built across Walnut Road was approved by the council Works Committee of the Kalamunda shire and advertising of this change to Walnut Road is currently underway, awaiting any appeals from local residents.

o Advertising for a new intake of volunteers will be done soon, with a tie-in article in the Echo newspaper as a promotion, using stories from the volunteers that have been with the Observatory for 10 years.

o In view of spending some of the funds in the account members decided to investigate the purchase of a Celestron "SkyScout" to aid in the training of new volunteers.

o Motion: That a Celestron "SkyScout" be purchased to aid in the training of Perth Observatory Volunteers.

o Proposed: B. Harris. Seconded: M. Freeman. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report.

o B. Harris stated that there had been 2 cents interest credited to the account and the current balance was \$940.67.

General Business:

o The old Perth Observatory time cannon has been lost and it was presented as an item of interest on the ABC tv show "Can We Help" some months ago. Since then no firm leads have come to light, only two uncertain ones.

o On display in the museum at current is the 12" transit theodolite #99, used to determine the border between Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory. It is on loan from the Dept of Land Information.

o The Observatory has a new website url at www.perthobservatory.wa.gov.au

There being no further General Business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next Meeting: Monday October 16th 2006

PERTH OBSERVATORY VOLUNTEER GROUP

Perth Observatory Staff

Dr Jamie Biggs Director and Govt Astronomer
 Ralph Martin Astronomer
 Dr Andrew Williams Astronomer
 David Frew Astronomer
 Rick Tonello Astronomer Assistant
 Greg Lowe Astronomer Assistant
 Janet Bell Administration Officer
 Di Johns Clerical Officer
 Arie Verveer Technical manager
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Perth Observatory Volunteers Group

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Volunteer List

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 Mark Emmons
 Keith Ford
 Mike Freeman
 Lynda Frewer
 Bevan Harris
 Mark Haslam
 Karen Kotze
 Rob Loney
 Len Martin
 Jacqui Milner
 John Morris
 Tim Roberts
 Lloyd Robinson
 Elaine Walker

Probationary
 Asher Abraham
 Val Semmler
 Noreen Townsend

2006 Volunteer Training & Meeting Nights

Below are listed the training nights scheduled for 2006.

The volllies decided at that they would like to rationalise the training/meeting night schedule. They decided that scheduling a meeting on the third Monday of the month would be convenient. We have checked for clashes with Observatory events and so far none have been identified. (Naturally, flexibility needs to be maintained and the meeting date will be changed from the strict schedule as the need arises.)

Training is important for our volunteers, they enjoy it, and we need to support these staff members in return for the assistance they render.

All staff are directed NOT to ROSTER ANY ACTIVITY THAT WILL INTERFERE WITH TRAINING night attendees access to the lecture theatre and the VOF (and associated telescopes).

Also, could you please bring the details of this message to the attention of all staff under your direct supervision.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Jamie Biggs.

20th November

18th December

(Maybe we'll cancel this one - it's very close to Xmas)

PHASES of the MOON for 2006

New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter
Jan 29 22:14	Jan 7 02:56	Jan 14 17:48	Jan 22 23:14
Feb 28 08:31	Feb 5 14:29	Feb 13 12:44	Feb 21 15:17
Mar 29 18:15	Mar 7 04:16	Mar 15 07:35	Mar 23 03:10
Apr 28 03:44	Apr 5 20:01	Apr 14 00:40	Apr 21 11:28
May 27 13:25	May 5 13:13	May 13 14:51	May 20 17:20
Jun 26 00:05	Jun 4 07:06	Jun 12 02:03	Jun 18 22:08
Jul 25 12:31	Jul 4 00:36	Jul 11 11:02	Jul 18 03:12
Aug 24 03:10	Aug 2 16:46	Aug 9 18:54	Aug 16 09:51
Sept 22 19:45	Sept 1 06:56	Sept 8 02:42	Sept 14 19:15
Oct 22 13:14	Sept 30 19:04	Oct 7 11:13	Oct 14 08:25
Nov 21 06:18	Oct 30 05:25	Nov 5 20:58	Nov 13 01:45
Dec 20 22:01	Nov 28 14:29	Dec 5 08:25	Dec 12 22:32
	Dec 27 22:48		