

Perth Observatory Volunteer Group Inc. Minutes of Meeting - 16th October 2006

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Present: D. Alderson, J. Biggs, K. Ford, D. Frew, M. Freeman, B. Harris, G. Lowe, J. Milner, J. Morris, L. Robinson, E. Walker, A. Williams

Apologies: J. Alcroft, I. Baran, T. Beardsmore, F. Bilki, R. Boelen, G. Coletti, D. Emrich, M. Haslam, L. Martin, V. Semmler.

Meeting commenced at 7.15pm

Confirmation of Minutes. Moved J. Morris, seconded B. Harris.

Business Arising from the minutes.

- o Advertising for the new intake of volunteers has started with an article in the Echo newspaper. Some applications are on file already and other media outlets will be used in the coming weeks.
- o The 10th Anniversary of the volunteer group will also be promoted in various media in the coming months.
- o To get a refund for the fee for the Working With Children Check card members will have to present the receipt to J. Biggs. Presentation of the card is not required as that information is sent direct to J. Biggs as well.
- o The Celestron SkyScout will not be available in Australia until the end of the month at the earliest. Price is expected to be \$699 plus shipping.
- o The new gate across Walnut Road should be finished by the end of next week (27th Oct) after there were no objections from the local residents.

Treasurers Report.

- o B. Harris stated that there had been 2 cents interest accrued to the account again and the current balance was \$940.69 .

General Business:

- o The Notice of Special Resolution for the next meeting was announced which is to change the Objectives of the Association to make the POVG constitution suitable to become a Deductible Gift Recipient. This has to be done to meet the current requirements for the lodgement of the change to the constitution as dictated by the Dept of Consumer and Employment Protection.
- o Two grants will be applied for, one from the Lotteries Commission to aid in the making of a Conservation Plan for the Observatory and the other is a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Outer Metropolitan Community Fund.
- o Dr Franco Pirajno from the Geological Survey of WA will present a talk on meteorites at the February 2007 meeting.

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

Next Meeting: Monday November 20th 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
John Pearce	Mechanical technician

POVG Volunteers

Elaine Walker	Chairperson
Lloyd Robinson	Vice Chairperson
Jacquie Milner	Secretary
Bevan Harris	Treasurer and newsgroup moderator (contact: ngc2070@gmail.com)
Jeff Alcroft	Newsletter Editor (contact: callides@inet.net.au)



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PERTH OBSERVATORY

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Volunteer List

Jeff Alcroft
 Dick Alderson
 Ireneusz Baran
 Trevor Beardsmore
 Tony Beston
 Jeanne Bell
 Frank Bilki
 Ric Boelen
 Giuseppe Coletti
 David Emrich
 Mark Emmons
 Keith Ford
 Mike Freeman
 Lynda Frewer
 Bevan Harris
 Mark Haslam
 Karen Kotze
 Rob Loney
 Len Martin
 Jacquie 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 volleys 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.

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
July 25 12:31	July 4 00:36	July 11 11:02	July 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		