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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park, NSW  
on Wednesday 1st July 2009.

Meeting Opened 7.35 pm, closed 9.10 pm

### 1. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Present: J. Rombi (Chair), T. Rhodes, T. Law, L. Wright, S. Grainger, I. Fox & R. Powell.

On behalf of the Committee, John expressed condolences to Tony on the recent loss of his Mother.

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009

The minutes were previously distributed and were taken as read. Motion: "That the Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> June Management Committee Meeting be adopted" moved JR, seconded TL, carried unanimously.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Open Nights

4<sup>th</sup> July – next event: JR will try to obtain booking list from M. Woolley at c.o.b. 3<sup>rd</sup> July and get PA system from Dick Everett. Joining fee for new members joining on the night will be waived.

26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Consider advertising Fred Watson night more widely. A meeting with A. Cusick due soon.

#### 3.2 Telescopes for Beginners

JR has received five registrations of interest for a possible beginners course. (3-Dobs. and 2 Eqs.). Agreed to begin this at our meetings in July and September, commencing 6.30 pm, if room is accessible. Need to line up experienced members to assist.

#### 3.3 PayPal Account

JR advised that the PayPal account now appears to be operating normally but retrieval of money has yet to be tested. Need to ensure enough money is available in PayPal for Web Hosting auto payment.

#### 3.4 Any Other Business arising From The Minutes

No other business arising.

### 4. REGULAR BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Treasurer's Report

TL has just returned from overseas and reported the bank balance at 15<sup>th</sup> June was \$6387.14. This excludes PayPal cash balance; merchandise in stock; and all transactions since 15<sup>th</sup> June. SG handed over \$45.00 cash from merchandise sales; RP has banked new membership cheque for C & J Tuckwell. Motion: "That the Treasurer's report be adopted" moved TL, seconded IF. Carried unanimously.

#### 4.2 Membership

Membership: TL reported we have 64 paid up members, and 2 honorary members. The total is 66. The membership applications for Christine & James Tuckwell; and Marc Aragnou were approved. Membership ID cards and name tags: TR distributed the new name tags and membership cards to members present at the last general meeting.

#### 4.3 Merchandise

Stock: SG circulated a monthly stock-take, which included 12 shirts (value \$291.00); 4 beanies (\$40.80); 7 starwheels (\$112.80); 28 Magnitude DVDs (\$126.00); Total stock value: \$570.60. Sold 1 shirt & 1 beanie at last meeting.

Orders: MAS patches now ordered.

Advertising: SG to liaise with Geoff Young to advertise merchandise in *Prime Focus* and with Chris Malikoff to develop the MAS Shop.

Freezer suits: SG to investigate opening an account with Hepworths, if enough members want a suit.

#### **4.4 General Meetings - Room Bookings & Guest Speakers**

Room is booked to end of year. Meetings will resume at Building 22 after being moved to Building 21 in June. JR is seeking an explanation from UWS for the cancellation of Building 22 Room 5 without notice.  
20th Jul: Chris Malikoff; Aug: Geraint Lewis; Sep ??; Oct: ??; Nov: Dr. Tim Robshaw (Parkes).  
2010 possibles: Dr Orsola De Marco (Macquarie Uni); Rob McNaught; Patrick Tisserand (Dark Matter).

#### **4.5 Members Observing Nights**

Since last meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> June: Stargard cancelled; 27<sup>th</sup> June: Forest: Four members were on cloud watch. Three members went to an unscheduled Stargard on Tue 16<sup>th</sup> June.  
Coming up: The Forest: 18<sup>th</sup> July; Stargard: 25<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **4.6 Public & Community Education Events for IYA2009**

13<sup>th</sup> June – Tudor House Boys Prep School: Cloudy but otherwise went well. Eight members present.  
29<sup>th</sup> June – Cawdor Public School: Eight members and clear sky.

#### **4.7 Prime Focus magazine**

Deadline for next issue. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **4.8 Website & Forum: administration & content**

On-line Shop: Chris will make the membership form interactive and is developing the MAS Shop.  
Donations: Chris has added a 'Donate to MAS' page.

### **5 CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **5.1 Mail Inward**

Australia Post: letter & form re signature authorities.  
Bintel: Night Sky June edition (x10).  
Christine & James Tuckwell: Family membership application and cheque for \$70.00 (banked).

#### **5.2 Mail Outward**

Australia Post: completed form, re signatories to mail box.  
Media Statement: re Open Night on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### **6 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **6.1 Travel Expenses for visits to private schools.**

The committee notes that MAS provides a valuable but free public service at community outreach events and believes that members will prefer to continue donating their services free.

### **7 BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Public nights, Telescope for Beginners; Fred Watson talk; merchandise.

### **8 NEXT MEETING**

7.30 pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, at Ivan Fox's residence.

### **9 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

*Roger Powell*  
Secretary  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009