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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 3 The White Water, Mt Annan, NSW  
on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

Meeting Opened 7.39 pm, closed 9.42 pm

### 1. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

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

Apologies: T. Rhodes due to illness.

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009

The minutes were previously distributed and were taken as read. Motion: "That the Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> July Management Committee Meeting be adopted" moved JR, seconded IF, carried unanimously.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Telescopes for Beginners

JR advised the first session was held before our July meeting. Two of the five novices came and left happy with the outcome. Agreed to repeat this at September meeting.

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

No other business arising.

### 4. REGULAR BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Treasurer's Report

TL circulated the following three reports :

- (i) MAS Treasury & Membership Report 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 (appended).
- (ii) Banking 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 (appended).
- (iii) Merchandising Stock Reconciliation 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009 (appended).

In summary:

Bank account balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> July:	\$6310.84
Cash float - Debra Taylor:	\$37.25
PayPal account:	\$197.99
Donations banked on 4 <sup>th</sup> August:	\$103.00
Merchandise sales banked on 4 <sup>th</sup> August:	\$250.00
Memberships banked on 4 <sup>th</sup> August:	\$425.00
MAS briefcase purchase:	-\$27.99
Current summary (excluding merchandise stock):	<u>\$7296.09</u>

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report be adopted " moved TL, seconded SG. Carried unanimously.

#### 4.2 Membership

(i) Membership Status: TL reported we have 65 paid up members, and 2 honorary members. The total is 67, not counting applications to be considered at this meeting. Ten members did not rejoin (T.Flynt; R.Sheehan; D.Hall; R.Radzieta; K.Freemantle; A.Wood; P.Nash; G. Di Scala; J.Malikoff; M.Ferlito).

(ii) Membership Form: C. Malikoff has devised a new form, which is also interactive on the website. The form was approved and it was agreed to ask Chris to add a question "Where did you learn about MAS?"

(iii) New applications: Motion: "That the membership applications for Richard Finch; Sarkis Garabedian Family; Wade McCartney; Murat Ilhan; Cherrell Asciak; Richard & Angela Kane; Vicky, Danielle & Jai (child) Simons; Vridvar Vega & Gladis Almario; and Nigel Hunt be approved." Moved: JR, Seconded: LW .The Motion to admit these 14 members was carried.

(iv) Consideration of an application by Martin Ferlito to rejoin the Society: The committee discussed Martin's application dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and agreed to determine the application by a secret vote. The Question: "Do you approve the application by Martin Ferlito to rejoin the Society" was put to each committee member present. The result was YES: 0 votes; NO: 5 votes. There was one abstention. The ballot papers were retained by the Secretary, who is to formally advise Martin of the decision to not approve his application for membership, on the grounds that it would not be in the best interests of the Society.

(v) Summary: total membership has now increased to: 81 (August 2008 was 63).

#### **4.3 Merchandise**

(i) Stock: At 2<sup>nd</sup> August we had the following stock: 10 shirts, 1 beanie, 13 Magnitude (Vol 1) DVDs, 3 star wheels and 39 patches, which are now available at \$10.00 each.

(ii) Orders: Need to order more large star wheels, beanies and shirts (long & short sleeve).

Pricing: TL suggested discount to membership for all merchandise. This to be decided next month.

(iii) Advertising: C. Malikoff is developing an advert for merchandise on the website which can also be adapted for use in *Prime Focus*.

(iv) Freezer suits: SG is opening an account with Hepworths.

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

(i) Room is booked to end of year. Aug: Geraint Lewis; Sep: Chris Malikoff; Oct: ??; Nov: Dr. Tim Robishaw (Parkes).

(ii) 2010 possibles: Dr Orsola De Marco (Macquarie Uni) and Professor Bryan Gaensler have agreed but dates to be determined.

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

(i) Since last meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> July: Stargard 13 members – clear night; 27<sup>th</sup> July: Forest: 20 members were on cloud watch.

(ii) Coming up: The Forest: 15<sup>th</sup> (IH students) free meal; and Bob Bee may be asked to speak. The Forest 22<sup>nd</sup>. No Stargard scheduled this month.

(iii) Fees: It was agreed to investigate payments to IH by cheque on receipt of IH invoice.

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

(i) 1<sup>st</sup> August: Public Night– was booked out, clear sky, very successful night.

(ii) 29<sup>th</sup> August: Public Night – same arrangements, partially booked already.

(iii) 26<sup>th</sup> September: Public Night & F. Watson talk – JR trying to arrange essential meeting with UWS.

(iv) 19<sup>th</sup> August: Wollondilly Anglican College, Tahmoor. Volunteers so far: JR, LW & RP.

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

The deadline for contributions to the next issue is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

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

Interactive membership form will be added soon.

## **5 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **5.1 Correspondence In**

Bintel: Night Sky July edition (10x).

Tourism Wollondilly: Invitation to advertise in Visitor's Guide. (RP to respond).

Cawdor Public School: Letter of appreciation from the students.  
NSW Police Force, Firearms Registry: Letter requesting updated information for their records.  
Tudor House Prep School, Moss Vale: E-mail thanking us for coming to the school.  
Campbelltown Council: E-mail attaching form for Fisher's Ghost Street Parade.  
Martin Ferlito and Richard Finch: Membership applications.

## **5.2 Correspondence Out**

Christine & James Tuckwell: Membership approval.  
Marc Aragnou: membership approval.  
Police Firearms Registry: Letter with updated information.

## **5.3 Media Statements**

Media Statements: for 1<sup>st</sup> August Public Night.  
Media diary notices: for July and August.  
Electronic diary notices: for July and August.

## **6 NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Fisher's Ghost Street Parade: It was agreed not to participate in the street parade on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

6.2 Dinner with Geraint Lewis before next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> August: Committee Members are invited to pre-meeting dinner at the Catholic Club. JR will reserve table. TL to pay by Society cheque if possible.

6.3 MacDob SG advised one new member has requested use of MacDob prior to the three months qualifying period. Deferred to September meeting.

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

Public nights, Telescope for Beginners; Fred Watson talk; levels and conditions of membership; clarification of membership year; status of children in family membership; pricing and discounting of merchandise.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

7.30 pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, at Lloyd Wright's residence.

## **9 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.42 pm.

*Roger Powell*  
*Secretary*  
*6<sup>th</sup> August 2009*

Banking 3/08/2009

Donations:

Bob Bee, sale of 4 books	\$8.00	
R.Finch	\$15.00	
Public Night	\$80.00	
		\$103.00

Merchandise: Beanies	\$30.00	
T Shirts	\$70.00	
Magnitude DVD	\$60.00	
Patches	\$90.00	
		\$250.00

Membership: Sarkis Garabedian	\$60.00	
Richard Finch	\$45.00	
Wade McCartney	\$35.00	
Murat Ilhan	\$35.00	
Cherrell Asciak	\$35.00	
Richard Kane		
Angela Kane	\$60.00	
Vicky Simons		
Danielle Simons	\$60.00	
Vridvar Vega		
Gladis Almario	\$60.00	
Nigel Hunt	\$35.00	
		\$425.00

<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$778.00</u></b>	
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## **MAS Treasury & Membership Report 3rd August 2009**

### **Treasury**

Cash Account movements from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009-31st July 2009:

1/06/2009	Interest		\$ 0.34	6387.14
3/06/2009	Merchandising - Beanies/DVD's		\$ 155.00	6542.14
3/06/2009	Donations-UWS Open Night 3/6/09		\$ 67.15	6609.29
16/06/2009	Membership direct deposit		\$ 70.00	6679.29
16/06/2009	Tuckwell Family Membership	30791	\$ 60.00	6739.29
16/06/2009	Multiweb-Marc Aragnou		\$ 45.00	6784.29
6/07/2009	To PayPal		\$ 80.00	6704.29
13/07/2009	Pan Sports-Patches	269	\$ 350.00	6354.29
20/07/2009	Trevor Rhodes - for badges	270	\$ 43.45	6310.84

Debra is holding a cash float of \$37.25 for coffee etc.

PayPal account \$197.99

Banking of \$778.00 made 04/08

Cheque for 27.99 to Tony for MAS briefcase

Statement date to last day of the month is now available.

### **Membership**

At today's date we have 65 paid up members, 2 honorary. Applications to be ratified 15 members (4 of which are dual family memberships).

Tony Law  
Treasurer

