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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 26 Dunbar Place, Mt Annan, NSW  
on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

Meeting Opened 7:34 pm, Closed 9.42 pm

### 1. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

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

Apologies: R. Powell

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 5<sup>TH</sup> August 2009

The minutes were previously distributed and were taken as read. Motion: "That the Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> August Management Committee Meeting be adopted" moved JR, seconded TL, carried unanimously.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Telescopes for Beginners – if enough interest we will hold another before the next meeting.

### 4. REGULAR BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Treasurer's Financial Report

Balance = \$6,964.95

Income = \$1,006

Expenditure = \$351.89

Cash Float = \$37.25

Paypal = \$197.99

4.2 TL recommended investing a small amount of our total balance. He will look into the alternatives.

#### 4.3 Membership

(i) Current Membership Status: TL reported we have 79 paid up members, and 2 honorary members. The total is 81, not counting applications to be considered at this meeting.

Moved: JR, Seconded: LW The Motion to accept this report was carried.

(ii) New Applications: Motion: "That the membership applications for Pete Elston; Bobby Elston and Michael Nicholas be approved." Moved: JR, Seconded: TR. The Motion to admit these 3 members was carried.

(iii) Summary: total membership has increased to: 82 and 2 Honorary. Previous month was 79 and 2 Honorary.

#### **4.3 Merchandise** - Nothing sold in the last month.

(i) Pricing: Pricing and discounts for members.  
Prices discussed and agreed upon. List needs to be printed.

(ii) Orders:  
Baseball caps \$11 each - Shirts - Coffee Mugs (with logo) - Table - Red Lights for Table - Beanies

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

(i) Room is booked to end of year. Discussions to be held with UWS regarding future bookings and cost.

(ii) Guest Speakers:  
Sept: Chris Malikoff  
Oct: ??  
Nov: Dr. Tim Robishaw (Parkes)

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

(i) Since last meeting:  
The Forest (IH Students), bad seeing on the night.  
Second Forest night changed to Stargard, 5 members present but clouded out till late in the night.

(ii) Coming Up: Stargard 12<sup>th</sup> Sept; Forest 19/20 Sept; Public Night 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.

#### **4.6 Public & Community Education Events for IYA 2009**

(i) 1<sup>st</sup> August: Public Night - Approx 100 people attended.

(ii) 29<sup>th</sup> August: Public Night – Rotary attending, if weather closes in we will move to building 26.

(iii) 26<sup>th</sup> September: Public Night & Fred Watson talk.

(iv) 19<sup>th</sup> August: Wollondilly Anglican College, Tahmoor – cancelled due to illness. Rescheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> November.

(v) Details for next years Public Nights at UWS still being discussed with UWS.

#### **4.7 Prime Focus Magazine**

The deadline for contributions for next issue is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **4.8 Website & Forum: Admin & Content**

Still performing beyond expectations.  
Interactive membership form about to go live.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### 5.1 Correspondence In

Chris Hayes MP: Advice regarding two grants available for community groups.

### 5.2 Correspondence Out

Membership card posted to Nigel Hunt as requested.

### 5.3 Media Statements

JR to send out Media Release.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

**6.1 Patron:** Consideration for a second MAS Patron: Professor Bryan Gaensler.

Moved: JR, Seconded TR, carried unanimously.

### 6.2 Available Grants:

(i) 2009 Volunteer Grants Program: \$1000 - \$5000

Possible Items:

New Loan Scope

Table

Lights

(ii) Global Poverty Awareness Grants: \$25,000 - \$100,000

Not for us.

## 7. BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Aftermath of Fred Watson Night at UWS.

Telescopes for Beginners

New Member scopes/discounts

Grants

## 8. NEXT MEETING

7:30 pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, at Trevor Rhodes' residence.

## 9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:22pm

*Trevor Rhodes*  
*(Acting Secretary)*  
*Vice President*  
*26<sup>th</sup> August 2009*