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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 107 Westmoreland Road, NSW  
on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Meeting Opened 7:42pm, Closed 9.27pm

### 1. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Present: J. Rombi (Chair), R Powell (Sec), T. Rhodes (VP), T. Law (Treas), I Fox, S Grainger.

Apologies: L Wright.

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 26<sup>TH</sup> August 2009

The minutes were previously distributed and were taken as read. Motion: “*That the Minutes of 26<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: Next Session. To be held previous to next meeting if enough interest.

**3.2** Any other business arising from the minutes.

**3.3** Forest costs: JR to use forum to remind members of their responsibilities regarding viewing nights.

### 4. REGULAR BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Treasurer's Financial Report

Balance = \$4,969.72

Banked = \$379

Expenditure = \$2,374.23

Paypal = \$177.00

TL suggested investing \$4,000 in a 12 month term deposit. Moved: TL, Seconded: RP.

#### 4.2 Membership

(i) Current Membership Status: TL reported we have 80 paid up members, and 2 honorary members. The total is 82, not counting the 5 applications to be considered at this meeting.

(ii) New Applications: Motion: “*That the membership applications for Mark Livingstone, Robert and Sue Leonard, Michael and Christine Jupe.*” Moved: TR, Seconded: JR. The Motion to admit these 5 members was carried.

(iii) Summary: total membership has increased to: 87

#### **4.3 Merchandise**

- (i) Quotations, orders, sales and stock.  
40 mugs with logo (white with black script) approx \$7 each.
  
- (ii) Pricing of merchandise & discount for members.  
Shirts \$35 members and \$40 non-members  
Star Wheels  
Beanies  
Caps

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

- (i) We will be using the same room for the rest of the year. Next year, no foreseen problems but we may be charged for the room next year. JR and RP will talk to UWS on the subject further.
  
- (ii) JR spoke to UWS about the possibility of 4 Public Nights for 2010. Friday Nights were mooted by R Bhatal and was not favoured by anyone present.
  
- (iii) Guest Speakers: Calendar 09/10  
October: Webmaster Chris Malikoff  
November: Dr. Tim Robishaw (Parkes)  
February: Dr. David Malin  
March: TBA  
April: AGM and Trivia.  
May: Dr. Ragbir Bhatal  
June: Prof. Geraint Lewis.  
July: Prof. Fred Watson  
August: TBA  
September: Dr. Naomi McLure-Griffith  
October: TBA  
November: TBA

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

- (i) Since last meeting:  
The Forest weekend was attended by 5 members on the Friday night and 12 on Saturday night.  
Stargard attended by 14 members with 10 scopes present.

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

- (i) 26<sup>th</sup> September: Lecture/Public Night – Approx. 100 people attended.
  
- (ii) 24<sup>th</sup> October: Public Night: Anniversary - 400 years of the telescope.
  
- (iii) Possibility of Viewing Night on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Mamre Homestead, Mamre Road.

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

The deadline for contributions for next issue is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

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

Still performing beyond expectations.  
Interactive membership form online now.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **5.1 Correspondence In**

Minto Mall Post Office moved to Minto Business Centre, 2 Lincoln St, Minto.

#### **5.2 Correspondence Out**

Nil

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 MAS** relationship with UWS. There is a feeling that UWS are trying to exert control over MAS activities in relation to UWS nights. This will not be allowed to progress and control will be kept by the Society. Future meetings with UWS will tell which direction we go.

**6.2 Invitation** to Tudor House in 2010. Agreed subject to date clarification.

**6.3 Stewart** offered a sign with details to point the way to the Domes at UWS. Accepted with appreciation.

**6.4 Discussion** started regarding new permanent site for public nights.

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

- (i) Public Nights
- (ii) UWS and MAS

### **8. NEXT MEETING**

7:30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, at S. Grainger's residence.

### **9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9:27pm

*Trevor Rhodes*  
*(Acting Secretary)*  
*Vice President*  
*7<sup>th</sup> October 2009*