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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park
on Wednesday 5th May 2010 at 7.30 pm

Meeting opened 7.34 pm, closed at 9.34 pm

1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Present: John Rombi (Chair), Trevor Rhodes, Tony Law, Lloyd Wright, Carol McVeigh & Roger Powell.
Apologies: Stewart Grainger. JR welcomed Carol McVeigh to her first meeting.

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2.1 AGM Minutes

The AGM minutes were previously circulated and there was no comment.

2.2 Department of Fair Trading

The annual DOFT Form 12 document was authorised. TL provided a cheque for \$47.00.

2.3 Reappointments for 2010-11:

Motion "That this committee re-appoints Chris Malikoff as Webmaster; Geoff Young as Editor; Stewart Grainger as MacDob Custodian and Merchandise Officer; Noel Sharpe as Stargard Liaison Officer; Roger Powell as Public Officer; Graham Bellamy as Auditor; and reaffirms Dr. Ragbir Bhathal and Professor Bryan Gaensler as Patrons." Moved JR, seconded TR, carried unanimously.

2.4 Bank signatories for 2010-11:

Motion "That authorised bank signatories will be JR, TR, TL & RP". Moved JR, seconded TL, carried unanimously.

2.5 Any other business arising from the AGM.

It was noted that in future the AGM should appoint an Auditor, as provided in the constitution.

3. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Acceptance: The previously distributed minutes were taken as read. Motion "*That the minutes of 7th April 2010 Meeting be adopted*". Moved: TR, Seconded: LW, carried unanimously.

3.2 Meeting Room

JR approached Vanda Whitworth of UWS, requesting a more accessible meeting room and UWS is still considering it. In the meantime, the June meeting will be in Building 21 Room 6, due to exams.

3.3 Relationship with UWS

There has still been no contact from UWS. Further recent messages to Prof. Cusick and Dr. Bhathal have also met with no response. It was agreed to wait for UWS to clarify its requirements before participation in any joint MAS/UWS event.

3.4 Light pollution concerns

In response to our letters to local politicians, there have been several acknowledgements and two responses. Campbelltown Council have arranged for MAS to meet their Planning Director on 28th May. A less satisfactory written response was received from Liverpool Council. It was decided to pursue the issue with Campbelltown Council first, before going back to Liverpool Council again.

3.5 Investment of funds

The sum of \$5,000 has been invested in a term deposit at 5.8% for eight months. The account number is 234050039837. The signatories are the same as the cash account.

3.6 Australian Astronomical Observatory Visit, 13th - 15th August

TL reported that twenty-four people have registered an interest. (List appended). Total cost is estimated at \$215.00 per person for accommodation, transport and meals, leaving Friday and returning Sunday. It was agreed to close bookings at the May meeting; require \$50.00 deposits by the June meeting; and require full payment by the July meeting. One dinner and two breakfasts will be included in the package. It was agreed that MAS would subsidise the event by approximately \$150.00. The Warrumbungles Mountain Motel has been booked. The bus has been quoted (\$966 for twenty-five seats or \$1400 for thirty seats). JR will contact the observatory through Fred Watson to seek an AAO guided tour.

3.7 Proposed Radio Spot

This was placed in abeyance.

3.8 Any other business arising from the minutes.

None.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer:

Monthly financial report to 30th April: TL presented a monthly report (appended). In summary:

Term deposit:	\$5,000.00
Cash account:	\$2,820.79
PayPal account:	\$62.92
Refreshment float:	\$37.25
Merchandise float:	\$20.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	<u>\$7,940.96</u>

Motion: "That the Treasurer's Report be adopted". Moved: TL, Seconded: JR. Carried unanimously.

4.2 Membership:

(i) membership approvals: There were no new membership applications.

(ii) motion: "That membership application of SL Bell be rescinded." moved TL, seconded JR, carried unanimously.

(iii) current membership status at 30th April. Current financial membership was 69, plus two received since and three honorary members. Total is now 74. TL listed twenty-three 2009-10 members currently unfinancial for 2010-11 at 30th April (appended). Since then, two have paid (C. Pickup & D. Cartwright), one (P. Elston) has indicated he will renew and four have indicated they will not (D. McEachern, L&S Southwell & B. Elston).

4.3 Merchandise:

(i) sales and current stock holding. Sales since the last meeting totalled \$45.00. Current stock value is \$1763.91. Stock report is appended.

(ii) acquisition of new stock. SG is waiting for a mug quote and sample. Magnitude II DVD will cost approx \$4.50 each, agreed to sell at \$7.00 to members and \$10.00 to non-members.

4.4 General meetings:

(i) Speakers:

May: Dr. R. Bhathal Jun: Prof G. Lewis Jul: Assoc. Prof. P. Tuthill Aug: Dr. A. Hopkins
Sep: Dr. N. McLure-Griffith Oct: Bob Bee. Nov: Prof. B. Gaensler

(ii) Refreshments: Barry Moore has volunteered to manage the meeting refreshments. Agreed.

4.5 Members observing nights at Stargard and The Forest:

(i) report on last month's observing nights: Stargard: 10th April was clear (15 attended). An unscheduled night was held on 13th April (4). The Forest: 17th April was partially clear (5).

(ii) observing nights coming up: Stargard: 8th May; the Forest: 15th May. Six to eight members of Wollongong Amateur Astronomy Club have requested if they can attend, due to loss of their own site. Agreed to welcome them free of charge for one occasion and pay for any future attendances.

4.6 Public outreach events in 2010:

(i) public nights. UWS are not making their intentions clear, so public nights at The Domes for 2010 are cancelled. We will hold a public night at The Oaks on 19th June or 17th July. JR to check if area will be clear. Mt Annan Botanic Gardens was also suggested as an alternative possibility.

(ii) 21st August: International House – student's night at the Forest. Need lots of telescopes.

(iii) 3rd - 10th October: special event with Campbelltown City Council. The Art Gallery estimate of \$2,694.00 has been formally approved for payment by council and we have agreed to the conditions. David Malin is

expected to be the speaker. Telescopes to be setup on 3rd October. Volunteers needed for monitoring week long display. Need to reserve seats for people with disabilities at the talk.

4.7 Prime Focus magazine

Contributions for Prime Focus and the Annual Report close with Acting Editor JR on 10th May.

4.8 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook:

JR to check with CM re the automated membership form.

4.9 Telescopes for beginners:

No new enquiries.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Correspondence In

- Geoff Corrigan MP (Camden): acknowledging receipt of letter about light pollution.
- Wendy Waller (Mayor of Liverpool): acknowledging receipt of letter about light pollution.
- Dennis Cartwright: membership renewal form & cheque for \$40.00
- Clive Pickup: membership renewal cheque for \$40.00
- Wendy Waller (Mayor of Liverpool): responding to our letter about light pollution.
- Campbelltown City Council: Letter and attachments confirming Art Gallery booking 3-10 October 2010.
- Geoff Corrigan MP (Camden): letter from Dept. Planning acknowledging receipt of light pollution letter.
- JR has a response from Chris Hayes re light pollution.

(ii) Correspondence Out

- Letters to Jack Giles and Karim Kooros approving membership applications.

(iii) Media Media statements: re Ragbir Bhathal talk; Diary notices, print and web versions.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Constitution

Motion: 'That this committee initiate a thorough review of the constitution to prepare a list of desired changes for approval'. Moved TL, seconded JR, carried unanimously. Sub-committee of TR, TL and RP formed.

6.2 Data Projector

JR advised the projector was over-heating and cutting off. Decision on servicing deferred.

6.3 Magnitude II DVD

Chris M. has completed the production, copies are to be arranged and costed for sale to members and the public.

6.4 'In Macarthur' Magazine

Carol M. suggested we place an entry in this quarterly publication. Agreed.

6.5 Stargard Lasers

Carol. M. suggested a split of observers. Those with laser pointers to be at one end. Those imaging at the other end and visual observers without lasers in the middle. Agreed.

6.6 Respect for Speakers at General Meetings

LW suggested that an appeal be made for members not to disrupt meetings by carrying out conversations while any person is addressing the members.

7 BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting room, UWS, AAO, public nights, Art Gallery

8 DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 2nd June 2010 at location to be determined.

9 CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting closed at 9.34pm

Roger Powell
Secretary
6th May 2009

APPENDIX 1
MAS Treasury & Membership Report 1st May 2010
Treasury

Term deposit of \$5000.00 for 8 months at 5.8%/annum has been set up

Cash Account movements from 1st Apr - 30th Apr 2010

6/04/2010	Roger Powell	30857	\$	26.00		6266.76
	M & C Jupe	30859	\$	65.00		6331.76
	T & A Rhodes	30860	\$	60.00		6391.76
	Coffee donations	30861	\$	125.00		6516.76
	Deb Taylor	30862	\$	40.00		6556.76
	G Cruikshank	30863	\$	30.00		6586.76
	Henry Swierk	30864	\$	40.00		6626.76
	B Reardon	30865	\$	40.00		6666.76
	Sarkis G	30866	\$	50.00		6716.76
	Lou Timpano	30867	\$	40.00		6756.76
	Ned Pastor	30868	\$	40.00		6796.76
	D Wijesinge	30869	\$	40.00		6836.76
	Ian Cook	30870	\$	30.00		6866.76
	M. Nicholas	30871	\$	30.00		6896.76
	J. Giles	30872	\$	50.00		6946.76
	S. Murphy	30873	\$	40.00		6986.76
	Stew grainger	30874	\$	40.00		7026.76
	Wade McCarthy	30875	\$	40.00		7066.76
	Merchandising	30876	\$	90.00		7156.76
	D. Ross	30877	\$	40.00		7196.76
	Merchandising	30878	\$	5.00		7201.76
	J&C Tuckwell	24802	\$	60.00		7261.76
	Noel Sharpe	24801	\$	40.00		7301.76
	Tony Law	24803	\$	40.00		7341.76
21/04/2010	J & J Rombi	30879	\$	65.00		7406.76
	Trivia Prize	294			\$ 25.97	7380.79
	G. Bellamy	30880	\$	30.00		7410.79
	R. Bee	34804	\$	65.00		7475.79
	Mike Wells	34806	\$	40.00		7515.79
	R & S Leonard	34807	\$	60.00		7575.79
	W Harrison	34808	\$	50.00		7625.79
	J White	34809	\$	5.00		7630.79
	Karim Kooros	34810	\$	50.00		7680.79
	Bob Bee	34811	\$	20.00		7700.79
23/04/2010	Term Deposit	DD			\$ 5,000.00	2700.79
	M Raferty, C Malikoff, H.	24805/2481				
24/04/2010	Pew	2/24813	\$	120.00		2820.79

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

Stuart has \$20.00 cash float for merchandising

PayPal account \$62.92

Membership

At today's date we have 69 members paid up for 2010 plus our 3 honorary members.

Tony Law

Treasurer

APPENDIX 2 FOLLOWS:

Coonabarabran Visit

Member	Transport	Type of Accom	Accom Cost	Fuel	Meals - 1DR, 2FB	Total
Tony Law	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Lloyd Wright (Driver)		single				
Mike Nicholas	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Geoff Young	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Deb Taylor	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Carol McVeigh	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
John Rombi	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Michael Jupe	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Christine Jupe	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Roger Powell	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Joan Powell	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Barry Moore	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Ned Pastor	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Henry Swierk	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Sarkis Garabedian	\$55.00	single	\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Stewart Grainger	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Carol Lane	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Bob Bee	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Wayne Harrison	\$55.00		\$80.00		\$50.00	\$185.00
Ray Armstrong	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Mohammed Baddar	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Chris Malikoff	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Charlene Harrison	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
Rodney Harrison	\$55.00		\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$215.00
	\$1,265.00		\$1,840.00	\$660.00	\$1,150.00	\$4,915.00

APPENDIX 3
Unfinancial Members

Douglas	McEachern
Lesley	Southwell
Stephen	Southwell
Wojciech	Gadek
David	Greenwood
Stuart	Cant
Clive	Pickup
Bruce	Butters
Mark	Johnston
Dennis	Cartwright
Mike	Goerisch
Murat	Ilhan
Cherrell	Asciak
Richard	Kane
Angela	Kane
Vicky	Simons
Danielle	Simons
Jai	Simons
Vridvar	Vega
Gladis	Almario
Nigel	Hunt
Pete	Elston
Bobby	Elston

Dennis Cartwright and Clive Pickup have since paid.

APPENDIX 4
Stock list as of 5/05/10

Prices listed are per item and total of that amount

DVD 'Magnitude'	3 x copies	\$4.50 ea.	\$13.50
Star Wheels: Large	13	\$19.20 ea.	\$249.60
Star Wheels: Small	2	\$12.50 ea.	\$25.00
Patches: White	20	\$7.00 ea.	\$140.00
Patches: Black	14	\$7.00 ea.	\$98.00
Beanies	19	\$11.22 ea.	\$213.18
Baseball caps	4	\$15.30 ea.	\$61.20
Astonomy 2010	5 x copies	\$17.11 ea.	\$85.55
Emu Dreaming	11 x copies	\$10 each	\$110.00
Heavens Above	15 x copies	(on loan)	

Shirts:

Mens white: M x 2; L x 3; XL x 2; XXL x 1

Mens Navy: M x 4; L x 1; XL x 2

Mens Black: S x 1; M x 4; L x 4; XL x 0; XXL x 0; XXXL x 1

Ladies Navy: 12 x 1; 14 x 1

Total 27 shirts.

All shirts priced at \$28.44 ea. \$767.88

Total all stock 5/05/10 \$1763.91