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**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Held at 31 George Caley Place, Mt Annan
on Wednesday 7th July 2010

Meeting opened 7.33 pm, closed at 9.12 pm

1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Present: John Rombi (Chair), Trevor Rhodes, Tony Law, Carol McVeigh, Stewart Grainger, Lloyd Wright & Roger Powell.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The previously distributed minutes were taken as read. Motion: "That the minutes of 2nd June 2010 Meeting be adopted". Moved: JR, Seconded: TL, carried unanimously. It was agreed that the President & Secretary should sign meeting minutes in future.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Meeting Room:

UWS is still considering our request for a more accessible meeting room. The meetings will be back in Building 22 Room 5 from July to October, then back to Building 21 Room 6 in November, due to exams.

3.2 Australian Astronomical Observatory Visit, 13th - 15th August:

Bookings are closed with 26 people. Full payment by the July meeting. G.Young cannot be a driver. If Lloyd is incapacitated, we will need to drive by car instead. Dinner is booked at the Golden Sea Dragon restaurant.

3.3 Review of Constitution:

The sub-committee of TR, TL & RP has met three times and is close to bringing a proposal to the committee for consideration. However, it is still awaiting publication of the DOFT draft constitution.

3.4 Any other business arising from the minutes:

None.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer:

Monthly financial report to 30th June: TL presented a monthly report (appended). Cash position summary:

Term deposit:	\$5,000.00
Cash account:	\$5378.20
PayPal account:	\$63.14
Refreshment float:	\$37.25
Merchandise float:	\$100.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	<u>\$10,578.59</u>

Since the report, cheques issued for Domain Registration(\$33.00); Postage & envelopes (\$32.10); and DVDs (\$40.00). Motion: "That the Treasurer's Report be adopted". Moved: TL, seconded: CM, carried unanimously.

4.2 Membership:

(i) membership approvals: motion "That the membership application for Murray Parkinson be approved"; moved TL, seconded TR carried unanimously.

(ii) membership status. Current financial membership is 78 financial and three honorary members. Total 81.

(iii) motion: "That a full membership refund be given to Murat Ilhan." The motion was formally moved but did not proceed to a vote, for lack of a seconder. This application had been discussed at length. Committee members took particular note that:

a) the only rationale given for his premature resignation was: "I AM WAITING FOR MY NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR SO LONG STILL I DONT HAVE IT . PLEASE CANCEL MY MEMBERSHIP AND I DEMAND FULL REFUND". It was agreed that the issuing of membership cards was adequate; and

b) he was given three fair opportunities to provide sound reasons for his abrupt ultimatum, declining to do so on each occasion; and

c) almost four months of the membership year had already expired.

Mitigating circumstances were not established and it was agreed that a refund could not be authorised.

4.3 Merchandise:

(i) sales and current stock holding: The amount raised at the recent public night was \$276.45, of which \$145.00 was merchandise – see SG's Merchandise Report and Stock Report (appended).

(ii) acquisition of new stock: Mug prices will be higher than expected. Stickers are being priced.

4.4 General meetings:

Jul: Assoc. Prof. P. Tuthill; Aug: Dr. A. Hopkins; Sep: Dr. N. McLure-Griffith; Oct: R. Bee; Nov: Prof. Gaensler. Next year we will have Fred Watson, Les Dalrymple, Tim Robishaw, Lisa Harvey-Smith and Gary Koff.

4.5 Members observing nights at Stargard and The Forest:

Last month's observing nights: Stargard: 5th June was cancelled. The Forest: 12th June was clear and 14 attended. Observing nights coming up: The Forest: 10th July Stargard: 17th July.

4.6 Public outreach events in 2010:

(i) public nights: 19th June at The Oaks: 12 telescopes plus G.Young and Barry Moore doing the parking. Approx 150-200 members of the public turned up.

(ii) 21st August: International House – student's night at the Forest. Need lots of telescopes. It is an FQM and meal will be free. No attendance fee. JR will arrange a speaker and TR will provide a data projector. If cloudy, it will still go ahead.

(iii) 4th - 9th October: special event with Campbelltown City Council. Daily 10am – 4pm. Sat 10am – 9.00pm approx. Bodies needed. Carol suggested we seek assistance from Dr Tanya Hill and gave JR a draft letter to her. Another magazine to advertise in is www.southern-highlands.com.au. Carol also suggested asking David Jones for assistance on the historical aspect.

4.7 Prime Focus magazine:

Contributions for Prime Focus and the Annual Report close with Editor on 12th July.

4.8 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook:

Running smoothly.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Correspondence In:

M.Ilhan: resignation e-mail.

Bintel: Night Sky June (10x).

Domain Registration Services: renewal e-mail.

Minister for Fair Trading: Letter & attachments alluding to the new laws.

Office of Frank Sartor (via G.West): re light pollution.

Macquarie University: Letter and application forms re School of Astronomy.

5.2 Correspondence Out:

Membership approvals to Sandy Devlin & Dean Harrison; and Jason Green.

Membership letter not yet sent to Jack Goralewski due to problems with membership payment.

5.3 Publicity:

July Meeting: Diary notices (print version and web versions); Media statement; Facebook; Website.

Art Gallery Event: local tourism guides: 'Visit Macarthur' and 'In Macarthur.' Also shown on CCC website.

Chronicle newspaper: JR was interviewed by the Chronicle this week.

6 NEW BUSINESS

TL sought authorisation to destroy old receipts and miscellaneous paperwork dated 2000-2003 which is no longer required. Agreed.

7 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Business: Art Gallery, Correspondence with Tanya Hill, constitution review.

Date & location: 4th August 2010 at JR's residence, subject to confirmation.

8 CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

*Roger Powell
Secretary
8th July 2010*

Signed: *J.Rombi (President)*

Roger Powell (Secretary)

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

Bank transactions 01/06 – 30/06/2010

1/06/2010	Interest		\$0.41		3364.20
2/06/2010	Murat Ilhan	24822	\$40.00		3404.20
	Mark Livingstone	24823	\$40.00		3444.20
	Ned Pastor - proceeds from Forest Merchandising		\$85.00		3529.20
		24841	\$35.00		3564.20
22/06/2010	Ross Jones- AAO in full	24843	\$250.00		3814.20
22/06/2010	Campbelltown Catholic Club -Geraint Lewis	297		\$167.45	3646.75
23/06/2010	Tony Law - AAO deposit	24824	\$50.00		3696.75
	Geoff Young - AAO deposit	24829	\$50.00		3746.75
	Barry Moore - AAO in full	24830	\$250.00		3996.75
	Carol McVeigh & Deb Taylor 2 X AAO dep	24831	\$100.00		4096.75
	Graeme Bellamy - AAO dep	24832	\$50.00		4146.75
	Dean H & Sandy D - 2 X AAO dep	24833	\$100.00		4246.75
	Roger Powell - AAO dep	24834	\$50.00		4296.75
	Henry Swierk - AAO - dep	24835	\$50.00		4346.75
	Ray & Linda Armstrong - 2 X AAO dep	24836	\$100.00		4446.75
	Trevor & Anne Rhodes Dinner	24837	\$48.00		4494.75
	Chris Malikoff - AAO dep	24838	\$50.00		4544.75
	Lloyd Wright - Dinner	24839	\$24.00		4568.75
	M & C Jupe - 2 X AAO dep	24840	\$100.00		4668.75
	Tony Law - Dinner	24842	\$24.00		4692.75
	Stew Grainger - Donations from Open night	24851	\$221.45		4914.20
23/06/2010	4WDBUS Company - Deposit for AAO trip	298		\$200.00	4714.20
25/06/2010	Wayne Harrison - AAO in Full	24850	\$190.00		4904.20
		24844 -			
28/06/2010	Dick Everett - AAO dep	DD	\$50.00		4954.20
		24846-			
	Tony Law - AAO balance	DD	\$200.00		5154.20
28/06/2010	Joan Powell -AAO dep + Roger - Dinner	24848	\$74.00		5228.20
	Stewart Grainger - AA) dep	24845	\$50.00		5278.20
30/06/2010	Mike Nicholas - AAO deposit	24847	\$50.00		5328.20
	Unknown - Cash		\$50.00		5378.20

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

Stewart has \$100.00 cash float for merchandising

PayPal account \$63.14

Membership

We have one new application to consider: Murray L Parkinson. Jack Goralewski's payment was sent to wrong BSB!! Waiting on his funds before posting membership card. With the resignation of Murat Ilhan we have 78 members paid up for 2010 plus our 3 honorary members – assuming approval given to the current application.

Tony Law

Hon. Treasurer

APPENDIX 2
Public night 19/06/10

Total Takings \$276.45

Merchandise sold

1 x Small star wheel \$20.00
1 x Large star wheel \$30.00
1 x DVD \$14.00
2 x Astro 2010 \$40.00
2 x Heavens Above \$32.00

Total \$140.00

returned to Bob Bee \$30.00 (the cost of his books)

New total \$246.45

Total Merchandise \$110.00

Donations \$136.45

\$35 kept for float making float \$100

Balance of \$211.45 given to Tony Law for banking

S. Grainger