



**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Held at 13 Namatjira Close, Eagle Vale  
on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010

Meeting opened 7.33 pm, closed at 9.16 pm

### **1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES**

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

### **2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The previously distributed minutes were taken as read.

Motion: "That the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010 Meeting be adopted". Moved: JR, Seconded: Carol, carried unanimously.

### **3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Arts Centre, "m a g n i t u d e" 4th - 9th October at Campbelltown Arts Centre**

Chris reported: Test prints will be done next week at CCC; he is investigating image mounting methods; he has given RP several posters and postcards for Peta Gismondo at CCC to distribute to libraries etc.; he needs to find out if Arts Centre provides computers with the monitors; a dvd is being made up for the external display; he will cut more "m a g n i t u d e ][[" dvds; an order form for merchandise will be made up; bollards are required to separate the telescopes; asked JR to check AV requirements of speakers.

Also: dinner for two guest speakers in between the talks. SG to investigate partitions for front room. Carol will assist JR with letter to schools. RP to issue letter head to JR. SG has obtained a money box for donations.

#### **3.2 Australian Astronomical Observatory Visit (13th-15<sup>th</sup> August)**

The weekend was a huge success and very well organised by TL. Twenty-five people went. The uncomfortable coach ride was the only subject of criticism. It was not clean, nor was it fully functional or mechanically sound. The trailer was unregistered.

TL previously circulated a financial report of the trip. The profit from the trip stands at \$762.29. It was noted by SG that whilst LW was offered a free trip, the other driver GY had not been and that TL had suggested recently that GY might also be given a free trip. RP said that - whilst grateful to both for driving us safely - if this had been discussed by the committee in advance, he would have voted against waiving the full \$250 trip fee for them but might have voted to discount their fees. No motion was put and the matter was unresolved.

JR will send a mug and beanie to the tour guides, Donna Burton & Paul Cass and suggestions of a similar trip next year to Parkes or another observatory were mooted.

#### **3.3 International House (21<sup>st</sup> August)**

Sixty students attended and ten telescopes were there for a clear sky. JR has received a message of thanks from Jessica Carroll .

#### **3.4 Review of Constitution:**

The sub-committee of TR, TL & RP has met three times and when TL gets back from his trips will review the new DOFT draft constitution which has just become available.

### 3.5 Any other business arising from the minutes:

None.

## 4 REGULAR BUSINESS

### 4.1 Treasurer:

(i) Monthly financial report: TL has circulated a monthly report to 29<sup>th</sup> August (appended). Cash summary:

Term deposit:	\$5,000.00
Cash account:	\$4,078.54
PayPal account:	\$63.14
Refreshment float:	\$37.25
Merchandise float:	\$100.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	<b><u>\$9,278.93</u></b>

Since the report, membership payment of \$51.58 from Humayun Qureshi was received into PayPal.

(ii) Motion: "That the Treasurer's Report be adopted". Moved: JR, seconded: TR, carried unanimously.

### 4.2 Membership:

(i) membership approvals: motion "That the membership application for Humayun Qureshi be approved"; moved JR, seconded TR, carried unanimously.

(ii) membership status. Current membership is 83 including three honorary members.

### 4.3 Merchandise:

(i) sales and current stock holding: SG circulated a monthly stock list dated 31<sup>st</sup> August (appended). Stock valuation is **\$2,169.50** and a decision needs to be made on the remaining 'Emu Dreaming' books that cannot be sold.

(ii) acquisition of new stock: SG advised we are getting low on shirts. Future shirts and mugs may be modelled on the AAO styles. Stickers will be investigated.

### 4.4 General meetings:

Sep: Dr. N. McLure-Griffith; Oct: R. Bee; Nov: Prof. Gaensler; there is still no-one doing Vanda's job and we are unlikely to pursue the accessible room until next year's application is submitted.

### 4.5 Members observing nights at Stargard and The Forest:

(i) Last month's observing nights: The Forest 7<sup>th</sup> August: (only six members - outlook was bad but ended up clear); Stargard: 14<sup>th</sup> August (clear, eight members, despite 25 on AAO visit).

(ii) Observing nights coming up: Stargard: 4<sup>th</sup> Sept (rain is forecast). The Forest: 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### 4.6 Public outreach events in 2010:

JR was contacted by Macarthur Anglican School about a possible astro night between 11th-15<sup>th</sup> October.

### 4.7 Prime Focus magazine:

The low level of contributions was discussed and we need to encourage more members to contribute articles. It was also suggested that the Editor might be sourcing material and could also conduct personal interviews for a 'member of the month' feature.

### 4.8 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook:

Chris will give a short talk at the October meeting, in an effort to get members to understand the PM system. He has tweaked the menus to place all 'members only' items under one heading. He will also photograph merchandise for the shop. A possible 'outreach' page was suggested.

## 5 CORRESPONDENCE

### 5.1 Correspondence in:

Letter from Tony Kelly MLC, Minister for Planning, forwarded by Geoff Corrigan MP, regarding light pollution. It was noted that the Dept. is planning an 'Outdoor Lighting Guidelines' book.

### 5.2 Correspondence out:

Membership approval letter to Carlos Ciudad Real.

Letters to R. Bhathal & B. Gaensler re “ **m a g n i t u d e** ” event.

Letter to Campbelltown Council inviting Mayor and general Manager to “ **m a g n i t u d e** ” event.

### 5.3 Publicity:

September Meeting: Diary notices (print version and web versions); Facebook; Website.

Chronicle newspaper: Article about JR's response to the Mars Hoax this week.

## 6 NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Camden library:

SG has investigated a display at Camden Library but the display is booked out until next year.

## 7 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Business: Magnitude.

Date: Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> November. (Note: there will be no meeting in October). Location: no decision.

**8 CLOSE OF MEETING** The meeting closed at 9.16 pm.

*Roger Powell*  
Secretary  
4<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Signed: J.Rombi (President) .....

R. Powell (Secretary) .....

## **APPENDIX 1 - MAS Treasury & Membership Report 29<sup>th</sup> AUG 2010**

### **Treasury**

23/07/2010	AG Law - envelopes & postage	300		\$32.00	9647.20
5/08/2010	Domain Registration	301		\$33.00	9614.20
9/08/2010	Chris Malikoff - DVD's	302		\$50.00	9564.20
	Carlos Ciudad-Real, JR dinner,				
12/08/2010	CM,TL,RP\$20 for Mugs		24874-24878	\$138.00	9702.20
17/08/2010	AAO -balance			\$385.00	10087.20
17/08/2010	Catholic Club Dinner	307		\$164.15	9923.05
18/08/2010	Tony Wolf Printers	303		\$858.00	9065.05
18/08/2010	Repay TL Credit Card	306		\$2,028.91	7036.14
19/08/2010	WarrumbunglesMountain Motel	304		\$2,957.60	4078.54

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 no new application to consider: No payment received from Humayan Quereshi.

Tony Law  
Hon. Treasurer

## **APPENDIX 2 - Stock list 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010**

DVD Magnitude	1 x copy	\$4.50 ea.	\$4.50
DVD Magnitude II	27 x copies	\$2.50 ea.	\$67.50
Star Wheels			
Large	x 11	\$19.20 ea.	\$211.20
Small	x 1	\$12.50 ea.	\$12.50
Sew on Patches			
White	x 18	\$7.00 ea.	\$126.00
Black	x 14	\$7.00 ea.	\$98.00
Beanies	x 17	\$11.22 ea.	\$190.74
Baseball Caps	x 2	\$15.30 ea.	\$30.60
Coffee Mugs	x 82	\$8.50 ea.	\$697.00
Astronomy 2010	2 x copies	\$17.11 ea.	\$34.22
Emu Dreaming	10 x copies	\$10.00 ea.	\$100.00
Heavens Above	13 x copies (on loan)		
Shirts			
Mens White	Mens Navy	Mens Black	Womens Navy
M x 2	M x 4	S x 1	12 x 1
L x 2	XL x 1	M x 4	14 x 1
XL x 2		L x 2	
2XL x 1			

Total 21 shirts @ \$28.44 ea. \$597.24

**Total value of stock as of 31/08/10 \$2169.50**