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**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park, NSW
on Wednesday 1st December 2010

Meeting opened 7.35 pm, closed at 9.04 pm

1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

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

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The previously distributed minutes were taken as read. Motion: "That the minutes of 3rd November 2010 Meeting be adopted". Moved: JR, Seconded: TL, carried unanimously. The minutes were signed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Arts Centre, "Magnitude" 4th - 9th October There was no further discussion.

3.2 Review of Constitution:

The review sub-committee of TR, TL & RP met on 30th November and (subject to some clarifications from DOFT), is ready to present the proposed constitutional changes and by-law changes to the committee. RP briefly reviewed the main changes. The final recommendations of the sub-committee will be issued to all committee members and a full committee meeting will be held in January to adopt the new constitution. When agreed by the committee, the constitution will be displayed on the web site for members to comment.

3.3 Any other business arising from the minutes: None.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer:

(i) Monthly financial report: a cash report (27th Nov) was provided by TL (attached). The cash summary was:

Term deposit:	\$5,000.00
Cash account:	\$4,222.29
PayPal account:	\$22.19
Refreshment float:	\$37.25
Merchandise float:	\$100.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	\$9,381.73

\$75 in membership fees has been received since the report was issued.

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

4.2 Membership:

Motion "That the membership application for Mel Anderson and family be approved"; moved TL, seconded JR, carried unanimously. Current membership is 88 including three honorary members.

4.3 Merchandise:

(i) sales and current stock holding: \$62.20 donations, \$90.00 merchandise sales received from Public Night.

(ii) acquisition of new stock: Five new shirts are to be ordered by SG.

4.4 General meetings:

(i) Guest speaker list 2011: Jan: Tony Law; Feb: Fred Watson; Mar: Les Dalrymple; Apr: AGM and Daniel Ross; May: Andrew Hopkins; Oct: Gary Kopff; Nov: Bryan Gaensler. Jun, Jul, Aug Sep: Mike Ireland, Tim Robshaw, Lisa Harvey-Smith, Rob McNaught, Geraint Lewis also agreed. JR is looking at bookings for 2012 but it was agreed we need to consult members on what kind of topics they want to hear.

(ii) UWS Room application 2011: On 1st November the application was submitted to the Provost for a room for 2011. On 17th November, it was resubmitted to Ragbir Bhathal because the Provost advised us that she was no longer authorised to handle it. On 26th November it was resubmitted direct to UWS Venues Management, because Ragbir Bhathal advised us that he was no longer authorised to handle it. This has caused some confusion and delay. JR will follow up.

4.5 Members observing nights:

(i) Observing nights since last meeting: The Forest: (6th Nov.); Stargard: (27th Nov). Both were cancelled.

(ii) Observing night coming up: The Forest: (4th Dec.); Stargard: (11th Dec). Outlook is poor.

(iii) Application for the Forest 2011 observing dates has been approved by International House.

4.6 Public outreach events in 2010:

Public Night at The Oaks – Sat 13th November. Despite partial clouds, plenty of members went and it was well attended by approx 60 members of the public.

Schools: applications have been received from Tahmoor Anglican School and Broughton Anglican College.

Open Nights: Three public nights are planned for 2011.

Schedule: JR will schedule the dates for all outreach events, all being close to First Quarter Moon.

4.7 Prime Focus magazine:

Prime Focus needs an impetus if it is to survive as a journal, rather than just a newsletter. Membership ideas to be sought via a Forum topic.

4.8 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook:

Website, Forum and Facebook are going well, with regular changes and updates. Web shop has little activity.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Correspondence in:

Membership application from Mel Anderson and family with cheque for \$75.00

Bintel: Night Sky for November (x10)

5.2 Correspondence out:

Ragbir Bhathal (UWS): letter attaching application for room hire 2011.

Venues Management (UWS): letter attaching application for room hire 2011.

Membership approvals to Bradley Whiter and Jolanka & Michael Muratovic.

5.3 Publicity:

There were no events to publicise this month.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Braidwood

This photographic display will take place at the end of February.

6.2 Membership Fees for 2011-12

This is dependent on a response from UWS regarding room allocation.

7 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Business carried forward: room hire, membership fees 2011, constitution. Date & location: tba.

8 CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting closed at approx 9.04 pm.

Roger Powell, Secretary, 3rd December 2010

Signed: *J.Rombi (President)*

R. Powell (Secretary)

APPENDIX

MAS Treasury & Membership Report 27th Nov 2010

Treasury

3/11/2010	Astro 2011 -Committee		24942-24947	\$120.00		4453.04
3/11/2010	Merchandising - SG		24948-50	\$265.00		4718.04
5/11/2010	Quasar Publishing Inv 4736	313			\$692.00	4026.04
16/11/2010	Dinner - BG (less\$28.00 for TL)	314			\$196.75	3829.29
19/11/2010	JR - Gift BG	315			\$34.00	3795.29
22/11/2010	T & A Rhodes dinner			\$56.00		3851.29
24/11/2010	Bank Dep -Merchandise		24951-24959			3851.29
	RP -Dinner		24960			3851.29
	Merchandise		45761-45766	\$371.00		4222.29

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

Stewart has \$100.00 cash float for merchandising

PayPal account \$22.19

Membership

We have no new applications to consider

Tony Law

Hon. Treasurer