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**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Held at 13 Namatjira Close, Eagle Vale, NSW  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

Meeting opened 7.39 pm, closed at 9.11pm

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

Present: John Rombi (Chair), Trevor Rhodes, Lloyd Wright, Stewart Grainger & Roger Powell. Apologies: Carol McVeigh (overseas), Tony Law & Chris Malikoff (both prior appointment, will be late).

### **2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The previously distributed minutes were taken as read. Motion: "That the minutes dated 9th February be adopted". Moved: JR, seconded: TR, carried unanimously. The minutes were signed.

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

#### **3.1 General Meetings:**

(i) UWS room bookings & location for 2011: A meeting will be held next week with the new Executive Dean, College of Health & Science, Professor Branko Celler to discuss UWS/MAS issues.

(ii) Options for 2012 accommodation: Waiting for the outcome of the meeting with UWS

#### **3.2 Macarthur Astronomy Forum:**

Future sponsorship of the Forum: The first Forum was attended by nearly eighty people, which might be a positive indication to possible sponsors. Waiting for the result of the meeting with UWS.

#### **3.3 Review of Constitution:**

The deadline for comments by members expired on 1<sup>st</sup> March and no further comments were received.

Motion: "That the draft amended constitution, as displayed on the web site since 10<sup>th</sup> March, be adopted by the committee for approval by the members at the AGM." Moved RP, seconded TR, carried unanimously.

Motion: that the following motion be put to the AGM: "That:

*(i) the current Constitution of Macarthur Astronomical Society be rescinded; and*

*(ii) the proposed Draft Constitution, as displayed on the Society's website for the last six weeks be adopted as the new constitution of Macarthur Astronomical Society; and*

*(iii) the old constitution shall remain in force until such time as the new constitution is accepted in writing by The Department of Fair Trading and at least until 1st June 2011."* Moved RP, seconded SG, carried unanimously.

The proposal will be posted on the website and published in Prime Focus magazine.

**3.4 Photographic Competition:** discussion deferred until next month but JR to post details for members.

#### **3.5 Bunnings Barbecue**

JR has approached Bunnings Warehouse and is awaiting a kit they are sending him re Saturday barbecues.

#### **3.6 Wedderburn Airfield**

TL and Chris both attended an Airfield committee meeting prior to this meeting and advised that we are likely to be asked to do a show for them. They may also permit us to hold members observing nights there in the future.

### 3.7 Annual General Meeting

Election: 2011 nomination forms are available. Nominations close 4<sup>th</sup> April. So far one nomination has been received for each of the seven committee positions.

Annual reports: President, Treasurer, Merchandise Officer and Auditor to prepare annual reports. SG to submit Merchandise Report to TL next week. TL to submit Financial/Merchandise Reports to G. Bellamy for auditing.

Ten year badges, five & fifteen year certificates: JR to arrange these in conjunction with Chris.

**3.8 Any other business arising from the minutes:** None.

## 4 REGULAR BUSINESS

### 4.1 Treasurer:

(i) Monthly financial report: a cash report (dated 28th February) was provided by TL (attached). Summary:

Term deposit:	\$7,000.00
Cash account:	\$3,023.35
PayPal account:	\$42.37
Refreshment float:	\$40.00
Merchandise float:	\$100.00
Cash undeposited:	\$64.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS:</b>	<b><u>\$10,229.72</u></b>

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

### 4.2 Membership:

Since submitting the report, a new application has been received from Hannah Shuttleworth. Motion "That the membership applications from Robert Zindler and Hannah Shuttleworth be approved"; moved JR, seconded LW, carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Robert Zindler's re-application would not require a rejoining fee nor would it adversely affect the length of his Society membership, as his absence during 2010-11 was due to very serious illness.

Money has been received from Alan Hobbs but no membership form has been received and we have no contact details for this person.

### 4.3 Merchandise:

(i) sales and current stock holding: Cheques were received from Phil Ainsworth (\$75) and Bob Bee (\$35) for merchandise purchased at the February monthly meeting. A total of \$240.00 of merchandise was sold and we received \$61.00 in donations at the meeting. \$11.80 was expended on tea & biscuits.

(ii) acquisition of new stock: discussion deferred.

### 4.4 General meetings:

Guest speaker list 2011: Mar: Les Dalrymple; Apr: AGM and Daniel Ross; May: Andrew Hopkins; Jun: Lisa Harvey-Smith; Jul: Mike Ireland; Aug: Geraint Lewis; Sep: tba; Oct: Gary Kopff; Nov: Bryan Gaensler.

### 4.5 Members observing nights:

(i) Since last meeting: Stargard: (26<sup>th</sup> clear, 12).

(ii) Coming up: The Forest (5<sup>th</sup> Mar., outlook is poor); Stargard: (26<sup>th</sup> Mar). Lloyd's Stargard key to be replaced. JR asked if anyone wanted to use The Oaks airfield for a good northern horizon. Possibly Oct/Nov.

### 4.6 Public outreach events in 2010:

(i) proposed photographic display at Braidwood: Deferred.

(ii) public night at The Oaks: Has been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> March.

(iii) proposed SKA public night at UWS: No response from Ragbir Bhathal about a joint MAS/UWS event. However, this was put to the VC and will be raised at the meeting with Professor Celler. Possibly in June.

(iv) proposed SKA public lecture at UWS: This will also be raised with Professor Celler.

(v) Wollondilly Anglican College, observation night 11<sup>th</sup> June has been arranged.

**4.7 Prime Focus magazine**: the deadline for contributions is 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**4.8 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook**: Going well. Calendar to be updated. Need to indicate that The Forest is always available on the New Moon Friday as well as Saturday.

## 5 CORRESPONDENCE

### 5.1 Correspondence in:

E-mail from LCIS: receipt and Certificate of Currency.  
Membership renewal from Robert Zindler.  
Membership application from Hannah Shuttleworth.  
Cheque from Philip Ainsworth, \$75.00.  
Mail box renewal invoice from Australia Post.  
Letter from Wollondilly Council seeking copy of insurance certificate.  
Literature from Cosmodome regarding inflatable Go-Domes.

### 5.2 Correspondence out:

Insurance certificate to Wollondilly Shire Council.  
Letter to LCIS enclosing cheque.  
Letter to International House enclosing February cheque.  
E-mail to members informing of closure date for comments on proposed new constitution.  
Membership approvals to Bruce Butters and Rahmi Jackson.

**5.3 Publicity:** Public night: media statement, newspaper diary page notices and web site diary notices.

## 6 NEW BUSINESS

**6.1** Carol suggested (by e-mail) that, in the event of a scheduled Stargard or Forest viewing night being cancelled, members might like to have a social evening at a local establishment ie Narellan Hotel or similar. We seldom have an opportunity to gather where we are not restricted by the time constraints of our meetings or are busy doing our own thing on the field. Committee agreed in principle, mainly for Stargard as the Forest cabin was often used even if cloudy. It could also be a tech session. Decision to trial the idea next time Stargard is called off.

**6.2** Further general discussion of Ian Cook's comments on how the Society is run. In particular we need to be as communicative as possible about all Society affairs.

**6.3** International House will no longer accept cash. We have made a request for our own key.

**6.4** JR asked if anyone wanted to use The Oaks airfield for a good northern horizon. Possibly November.

## 7 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 30th March at Tony Law's house.

**8 CLOSE OF MEETING** The meeting closed at 9.11pm.

*Roger Powell, Secretary  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011*

Signed: J.Rombi (President) ..... R. Powell (Secretary) .....

**APPENDIX 1:**  
**MAS Treasury & Membership Report 28th Feb 2011**  
**Treasury**

Barry Moore is holding a cash float of \$40.00 for coffee etc.  
 Stewart has \$100.00 cash float for merchandising  
 PayPal account \$42.37  
 Cash un-deposited \$64.00  
 Term deposit \$7,000.00

February Transactions

	Deposit, Memberships +			
31/01/2011	Merchandise \$105.00	45771-9	\$430.00	3175.53
16/02/2011	Jardine Lloyd- PL insurance	316		\$745.88 2429.65
21/02/2011	International House - Cabin	317		\$70.00 2359.65
21/02/2011	Fred Watson	318		\$100.00 2259.65
21/02/2011	Pan Sports -Shirts	319		\$200.55 2059.10
21/02/2011	Campbelltown Catholic Club -Fred & Marnie	320		\$344.75 1714.35
23/02/2011	Trevor & Ann Rhodes dinner FW & 2 X Membership	45803	\$124.00	1838.35
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23/02/2011	Renewals etc	45798	\$735.00	2573.35
23/02/2011	TL & CMcV - dinner			2573.35
		45799-		
		45802,45		
25/02/2011	FromPayPal	807-810	\$450.00	3023.35

**Membership**

We have one return application to consider for Membership from Robert Zindler rejoining after 1 year's absence due to illness. Suggest approval without need for re-joining fee or 'loss of service' (he was due his 10yr badge last year), we will then have 90 members and 3 Honorary – if all outstanding (45) renew.  
 A deposit of \$40.00 from Alan Hobbs has been received in to the PayPal account, as yet no application form.

Tony Law  
**Hon. Treasurer**