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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 107 Westmoreland Road, Leumeah, NSW
on Wednesday 4th May 2011

Meeting opened at 7.37 pm, closed at 10.25 pm

1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES Present: Trevor Rhodes (Chair), Chris Malikoff, Tony Law, Stewart Grainger, Carol McVeigh, & Roger Powell. Apologies: Lloyd Wright.

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM AGM & ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

2.1 AGM Minutes: The minutes were previously distributed. There were no comments.

2.2 Department of Fair Trading:

(i) Annual DOFT Form A12: this has been submitted with a cheque for \$48.00.

(ii) Status of Constitution: The new constitution, approved unanimously at the AGM, has been registered by DOFT for a \$41.00 fee and following negotiations they agreed with our requirements that the new Constitution will come into effect on 1st June 2011.

2.3 Office Bearers: John Rombi will be Guest Speaker Liaison and is also handling unfinished business. Ch.M. Will do identity badges.

2.4 Appointments for 2010-11:

Motion: "That this committee appoints John Rombi for Speaker Liaison; and re-appoints Chris Malikoff as Webmaster; Stewart Grainger as MacDob Custodian and Merchandise Officer; Noel Sharpe as Stargard Liaison Officer; Roger Powell as Public Officer; Carol McVeigh for Meeting Refreshments; and reaffirms Professor Bryan Gaensler as Patron." Moved RP, seconded TR. Carried unanimously. The format, aims, content and editorial policy of 'Prime Focus' magazine need to be reviewed.

2.5 Bank signatories for 2010-11:

Motion: "That the authorised MAS banking signatories will be TR, TL, ChM & RP". Moved RP, seconded TL. Carried unanimously.

2.6 Membership Awards: award recipients not present at the AGM were Steve Murphy & Graeme Bellamy (5 years) and Bob Bee and Phillip Ainsworth (15 years). TL has posted Phil's certificate and will post Steve's. Graeme and Bob to get them at the next meeting.

2.7 Any other business arising from the AGM: there was none.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING & BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting: The previously distributed minutes were taken as read. Motion: "That the minutes dated 6th April 2011 be adopted". Moved: TR, seconded: ChM, carried unanimously.

3.2 UWS

A meeting has been sought with Professor Celler to review school outreach proposal, and SKA event.

3.3 Fundraising:

JR had no response from Bunnings about barbecues and will report to TR on progress. Australian Geographic and Extravision have been in contact about banner advertising. It was agreed to offer a rolling advert at the foot of all publicly visible pages at \$100.00 per month. TL will put our decision to Australian Geographic and Extravision and advise their response. Four 'rolling' adverts would be available. Other organisations might be approached later, including Bintel, Andrews and Astro-Optical.

3.4 Social Trips:

- (i) Weekend away: Gauge members interest in a possible trip to Parkes & Dubbo OR Tidbinbilla & Mt Stromlo, possibly on 27th - 28th August weekend.
- (ii) Trip to Hawaii: Gauge members interest in a trip to Hawaii in 2-3 years time, with optional savings plan.

3.5 Any other business arising from the minutes: no other business.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer:

Monthly financial report: a cash report (dated 30th April) was provided by TL (attached). Summary:

Term deposit:	\$7,000.00
Cash account:	\$3,996.65*
PayPal account:	\$2.56
Refreshment float:	\$40.00
Merchandise float:	\$100.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	<u>\$11,139.21</u>

* includes three cheques not yet presented. Since this report: received \$40 membership renewal and issued cheques for \$70.00 (Int. Hse.) and \$43.55 (postage).

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

4.2 Membership:

Motion "That the membership application from Katherine Livanis be approved"; moved TR, seconded SG, carried unanimously. This is a one year only free student membership.

Current membership status is 82 which includes 3 honorary members but excludes seven members whose membership expires on 31st May, based on old constitution.

ChM suggested a membership pack be provided to new members who pay a higher joining fee. Deferred.

4.3 Merchandise:

- (i) sales and current stock holding: SG presented a Stock Report dated 4th May, indicating a total stock value of \$1823.94. Recent sales have been slow. SG handed over cash from Public Night (12th Mar): \$53.00 merchandise and \$27.00 donations; and a total of \$20.00 merchandise sales from the March & April meetings.

- (ii) Macquarie Fields High School Merchandise donations: Total cost to Macasto for the gift bags to the School was \$234.80. Quasar Publishing donated three books valued at \$51.90. Bintel donated the carry bags. ChM personally donated eleven books to the school valued at \$275.00.

- (iii) acquisition of new stock: deferred, on basis that existing stock needs clearing.

4.4 General meetings:

Guest speaker list 2011: May: Andrew Hopkins; Jun: Lisa Harvey-Smith; Jul: Mike Ireland ; Aug: Geraint Lewis; Sep: tba; Oct: Gary Kopff; Nov: Bryan Gaensler.

We need up to three 'practical' speakers per year, probably members. ChM will give a talk on telescope basics. Don Whiteman also to be approached. Need for flexibility to enable overseas visitors to be slotted in if they become available.

4.5 Members observing nights:

- (i) Since last meeting: Stargard (9th April) semi-cloudy but ok; Forest (30th April) was cancelled.
- (ii) Coming up: Stargard (28th May);

4.6 Public outreach events in 2010:

- (i) NSW Sport Aviation Club (7th May): Access to set up from 4pm has been arranged. Speakers have been teed up in the event of inclement weather.
- (ii) Wollondilly Anglican College (11th June): TR will call for volunteers next week.
- (iii) Macquarie Fields High School No date has been arranged with the school.
- (iv) SKA event: deferred.

4.7 Prime Focus magazine: the deadline for contributions is 9th May.

4.8 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook:

MAS e-mail addresses are President, Secretary, MacDob and Contact@macastro.org.au. Web shopping cart is still a possibility but taking the images will be most time consuming.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Correspondence in:

E-mail from Mrs Allen seeking a Space Camp donation for her son. TR will respond that our quota is expired.

Private Message from Debra Taylor to the committee regarding donation and gifts to Macquarie Fields HS students. This was discussed and TR will respond to Debra.

Membership renewal – Christiane Gurney; new application – Katherine Livanis.

5.2 Correspondence out:

DOFT form A12 annual statement of affairs.

DOFT form A6 with letter and new constitution.

Membership acceptances to Luke Williams and Allan Hobbs.

E-mail to Professor Celler.

5.3 Publicity:

Media statement re Forum meeting on 16th May plus diary notices for print and electronic media.

Good coverage by The Chronicle and Advertiser of the Macquarie Fields School presentation and a very good article in the Chronicle about TR taking over as President.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Video recordings: Guest speaker recordings for inclusion on You-tube or Vimeo. ChM has the equipment to do it but we need to consult any guest speaker about their policy on recordings.

6.2 Aims and Aspirations: A discussion was held on the future aims of the Society and what the prospects are for future ownership of an observatory and what it could be used for. The revival of section leaders and an introduction of special interest groups was reviewed as being realistic short to medium term aims of introducing a more scientific aspect to members observing, such as spectroscopy or the study of variable stars.

7 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 1st June at Chris Malikoff's home.

8 CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting closed at 10.25 pm.

*Roger Powell,
Secretary
5th May 2011*

Signed: T. Rhodes (President) R. Powell (Secretary)

APPENDIX 1: MAS Treasury & Membership Report 30th April 2011
Treasury

Cash float of **\$40.00** for coffee etc.
 Stewart has **\$100.00** cash float for merchandising
 PayPal account **\$2.56**
 Term deposit **\$7,000.00**

Date	Description	Account No	Ref No	Debit	Credit	Balance	Balance	Notes
4/04/2011	See deposits	85294&85299	85281-90	470.00				
	Coffee monies				32.00	502.00		
4/04/2011	ex PayPal	85295/6/7/8/		290.00				
4/04/2011	Dinner Les D Steve	323					162.20	
6/04/2011	Murphy International		85302	40.00				
17/04/2011	H	324					70.00	not yet presented
17/04/2011	MFHS	325					502.00	not yet presented
18/04/2011	Chris-DVD	326					64.50	not yet presented
18/04/2011	DOFT	327					41.00	
18/04/2011	DOFT	328					48.00	\$ 636.50
27/04/2011	Deposit		85300/1/5/5	190.00	5.00	185.00		
								3,996.65
								\$4,633.15

Membership

Total Membership stands at 78 members and 3 Honorary.

Tony Law
 Hon. Treasurer

APPENDIX 2:
Macarthur Astronomical Soc. Stock list as of 4/05/11

DVD Magnitude	1 x copy	\$4.50 ea.	\$4.50
DVD Magnitude II	4 x copies	\$2.50 ea.	\$10.00
Star Wheels			
Large x 5		\$19.20 ea.	\$96.00
Small x 1		\$12.50 ea.	\$12.50
Sew on Patches			
White x 7		\$7.00 ea.	\$42.00
Black x 14		\$7.00 ea.	\$98.00
Beanies x 14		\$11.22 ea.	\$157.08
Baseball Caps x 6		\$15.30 ea.	\$91.80
Coffee Mugs x 61		\$8.50 ea.	\$518.50
Astronomy 2010:-	2 x copies	\$17.11 ea.	Nil value
Astronomy 2011:-	3 x copies	\$17.30	\$51.00
Emu Dreaming:-	6 x copies	\$10.00 ea.	\$60.00
Heavens Above:-	10 x copies		on loan
Compendium:-	12 x copies (plus 1 x one sample)		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	L x 1	M x 4	14 x 1
XL x 2	XL x 2	L x 2	
		XL x 2	

Total of 24 shirts @ \$28.44 ea. \$682.56

Total value of stock as of 4/05/11 \$1823.94