



MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park NSW
on 5th September 2011

Meeting opened at 7.40 pm, closed at 9.22 pm

1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Present: T. Rhodes (Chair), C. Malikoff, T. Law, L. Wright, S. Grainger, C. McVeigh & R. Powell.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: "That the minutes dated 1st August be adopted." Moved TR, seconded ChM, carried unanimously.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Forest Fees: International House new weekend fee of \$150.00 (currently \$77.00) commences November. TR sought a \$40.00 discount again and offered to do more maintenance work. Response was that we are not to carry out any maintenance. The IH fee increase remains applicable. New MAS fee to be \$15.00 pppn.

3.2 Meeting Room – UWS: Room application forms (including fee waiver) for 2012 were submitted 8th August, (3 months early), with a covering letter requiring a response by 30th September. Acknowledgement received 29th August from Alison Weir (Senior Events Coordinator), advising it has been referred to 'UWS Management' for review. Response sent to her, reiterating our requirement for an 'accessible' room. Further contact to be made soon. Committee will evaluate UWS v Blair Athol at next meeting 3rd October.

3.3 Meeting Room – Blair Athol: This venue is being tested for a workshop on 19th September.

3.4 Second Projector: Decided against a second digital projector at this stage.

3.5 Sister Society: It was proposed that MAS seek a sister club arrangement with a similar English speaking Society in the Northern Hemisphere. The aims of the relationship would be quantified by ChM, using the ASAW aims as a template. Further general discussion on selection of a suitable society ensued (ChM suggested a Scandinavian Society) and specific Societies will be considered in due course.

3.6 Lights for Public Nights: We have purchased 10 red lights and 100 ft of luminous rope.

3.7 First Aid Kit: TR proposed a kit purchase costing \$66.00 – approved. Only one person has nominated as a qualified 'first aider' – Noel Sharpe.

3.8 Children's Booklet: ChM is collaborating with ASAW to produce an entry level low cost booklet.

3.9 Astronomy 2012 Book: We currently have only 11 pre-orders. Publicise to members again.

3.10 Christmas Party: Blair Athol, 19th December. Agreed to proceed. BYO meat, drinks. MAS to provide salad. TL will book, 5pm – 9 pm. Actual start will be 6 pm.

3.11 Bintel: have been advised of changed contact details.

3.12 Parkes Trip 7th - 9th October: TL reported five vacancies. Price \$290.00. Full payments by members by 19th September. RP to promote on Facebook. TL to ask other Societies.

3.13 Hawaii Trip 2013: Special Bank Account is being set up.

3.14 Questionnaire: To include Question about laser pointer ownership.

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

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer:

Monthly financial report: a cash report (dated 31st August) was provided by TL (attached). Summary:

Term deposit:	\$8,000.00
Cash account:	\$4,725.36
PayPal account:	\$107.31
Refreshment float:	\$40.00
Merchandise float:	\$100.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	<u>\$12,972.67</u>

Motion: "That the Treasurer's Report be adopted," moved: TL, seconded: TR, carried unanimously.

4.2 Membership: no membership applications this month. Current status (including 3 honorary) is **91**.

4.3 Merchandise: SG presented a merchandise report dated 31st July (attached). In summary, sales for the month totalled: **\$35.00**; current stock is: **\$1580.98**; donations received: **\$24.50**.

4.4 General meetings:

Upcoming guest speakers: Sep: Chris Malikoff (workshop); Oct: Gary Kopff; Nov: Prof. Gaensler. Next year is booked, Feb to July. January is free for a workshop.

4.5 The Forest:

(i) Last event: 26th, 27th Aug was clear, (attendance was 4 & 5). TL reported on arrival on 26th Aug: gate was open; alarm was faulty; floor not vacuumed; power not turned off; electrical equipment still plugged in; sandwich maker coated with cheese; kitchen tops not wiped down. IH have been advised.

(ii) Next event: 23rd, 24th Sept.

4.6 Stargard:

(i) Last event: 20th Aug (3); weather put most members off, however, viewing conditions were ok.

(ii) Next: 17th Sept.

4.7 Public outreach events:

(i) International House Students' Night: 3rd Sept. This was postponed by IH (was 20th August) and was not formally an MAS event. However, of the five telescope owners attending, four were MAS members. Twenty-four students attended.

(ii) St. Paul's School Camden: Volunteers needed, six going so far.

(iii) Magnitude Public night: The Oaks, 10th Sep. Volunteers needed. LW to get table, donation box from SG.

(iv) Astronomy Class from Texas (May/June 2012). Agreed in principle, TL responded but has no reply.

4.8 Fundraising:

(i) Bunnings barbecues; no response yet from Bunnings to our application.

(ii) Forum sponsorship, website advertising & Prime Focus advertising mailout: There has been no further response, other than a Camera House offer to promote MAS in the shop. They requested a large poster. Need to follow up.

(iii) Current negotiations: no further response from Australian Geographic, Celestron or MCU.

4.9 Prime Focus magazine: the deadline for contributions is 12th September.

4.10 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook: deferred.

4.11 Technical Advancement: deferred.

4.12 Correspondence & Publicity:

Correspondence in: International House: Financial Statement.

Correspondence out: UWS Venues: Letter and application for room waiver; follow up supporting e-mail; Police Firearms Registry: Letter of support for SG laser pointer application.

Letter to Mayor (3rd June) re: Light Pollution: Following a phone discussion with Mayor Lake, advice was received from Nicholas Smogolovski that the uplights in in Mawson Park would not be installed.

Publicity: Media statement re Public Night issued last week. Chronicle already has an article on website. Wollondilly Advertiser are writing a feature article. Diary notices for print and electronic media and Facebook have been issued.

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 International House Relations: General discussion but agreed there is no rift in MAS - IH relations.

5.2 Photographic Exhibition: agreed to investigate locations and prepare a budget for a possible photographic exhibition in 2012. Lectures to be avoided this time.

5.3 Potential Arts Council Grant Application: TL to prepare application.

5.4 Laser Pointer Compliance: A recent misuse was reported in Mt. Annan. One member lives close to the location and an attempt was made by TR to contact her, to see if she had seen anything. No response. Agreed RP to draft a Bylaw that members must declare ownership of a laser pointer and MAS may not be able to protect a member who uses it at home.

5.5 Potential Solar Eclipse Trip: No trip is proposed.

5.6 Freezer Suits: Deb Taylor has offered to make these available to members for a very reasonable price. Three orders, so far.

5.7 Prime Focus Printing: Cost is \$80.00 for 20 copies. Agreed to add optional \$60 to membership fee for member to pick up at meeting. Eleven issues per year.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Monday 3rd October at Chris's house.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

*Roger Powell,
Secretary
6th September 2011*

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

APPENDIX 1: MAS Treasury & Membership Report 31st August 2011

Treasury

Cash float of **\$40.00** with Carol for coffee etc.
Stewart has **\$100.00** cash float for merchandising
PayPal account **\$107.31**
Term deposit **\$8,000.00**
Hawaii bank account docs to be signed

Membership

No new applications to consider, no resignations. Total membership stands at 88 members and 3 Honorary.

2/08/2011	W Harrison- Parkes dep							\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 4,200.61
3/08/2011	Deposit-less postage		85321/2	\$ 88.00		\$ 64.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 12.00		\$ 4,428.61
3/08/2011	Dinner -Jly Blair Athol hire	337								\$ 133.85		\$ 4,294.76
3/08/2011	Parkes Bus deposit	339								\$ 126.00		\$ 4,168.76
4/08/2011	IH-Forest	336								\$ 300.00		\$ 3,868.76
5/08/2011	IH-Forest, underpay	338								\$ 77.00		\$ 3,791.76
5/08/2011	Motel Deposit	340								\$ 49.00		\$ 3,742.76
8/08/2011	Deposit		85324-332				\$ 12.00	\$ 1,079.00	\$ 1,091.00			\$ 4,305.76
22/08/2011	Henry S -Parkes dep	85333						\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 4,405.76
22/08/2011	Dave Wijesingepkes	85334						\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 4,505.76
30/08/2011	Dick Everett/Forest					\$ 72.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 272.00			\$ 4,777.76
30/08/2011	Dinner -- Aug	341								\$ 116.90		\$ 4,660.86
											unpresente	\$ 64.50
												\$ 4,725.36
Date	Details	Cheque	Receipt	Merchandise	Membership	Forest	Donations	Other	Income	Expenses	Date Banked	Balance

Tony Law
Hon. Treasurer

APPENDIX 2

stock control 6th September 2011

Item	Stock	Unit Cost	Total Cost	SP Memb	No.	Sales Public	No.	Total	Stock Balance
DVD Magnitude	1	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$10.00		\$15.00		\$-	1
DVD Magnitude II	0	\$2.50	\$-	\$10.00		\$30.00		\$-	0
Star Wheels Large	5	\$19.20	\$96.00	\$25.00		\$30.00		\$-	5
Star Wheels Small	1	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$15.00		\$15.00		\$-	1
Sew on Patches White	7	\$7.00	\$49.00	\$10.00		\$12.00			7
Sew on Patches Black	11	\$7.00	\$77.00	\$10.00		\$12.00			7
Beanies	10	\$11.22	\$112.20	\$15.00		\$20.00			10
Baseball Caps	6	\$15.30	\$91.80	\$20.00		\$25.00		\$-	6
Coffee Mugs	50	\$8.50	\$425.00	\$10.00	2	\$12.00			48
Astronomy 2010	2							\$-	2
Astronomy 2011	1	\$17.30	\$17.30	\$20.00		\$25.00			1
Emu Dreaming:	7	\$10.00	\$70.00	\$10.00		\$15.00			7
Heavens Above - on consignment	8	\$15.00		\$18.00		\$25.00	1		7
Compendium - on consignment	12	\$20.00		\$25.00		\$30.00		\$-	12
Shirts									
Mens White M	2	\$28.44	\$56.88	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	2
Mens White L	1	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	1
Mens White XL	2	\$28.44	\$56.88	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	2
Mens Navy M	4	\$28.44	\$113.76	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	4
Mens Navy L	1	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	1
Mens Navy XL	2	\$28.44	\$56.88	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	2
Mens Black S	1	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	1
Mens Black M	3	\$28.44	\$85.32	\$35.00		\$40.00	1	\$35	2
Mens Black L	2	\$28.44	\$56.88	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	2
Mens Black XL	2	\$28.44	\$56.88	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	2
Womens Navy 12	1	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	1
Womens Navy 14	1	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$35.00		\$40.00		\$-	1

Total Value \$1,580.98

17

Monthly Sales \$35