



MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 55 Crommelin Crescent, St Helens Park, NSW
on 5th October 2011

Meeting opened at 7. 25 pm, closed at 9.18 pm

1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

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

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: "That minutes dated 5th Sept. 2011 be adopted." Moved TR, seconded TL, carried unanimously.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Proposed By-law: Motion: That the By-laws be amended to add:

(i) under Rule 4, 'Roles for Office Bearers', 'Secretary': new item j: "Maintains a register of laser pointer owners."; and (ii) new Rule 13: "Laser pointers. Members shall be advised annually that they are required to formally disclose laser pointer ownership as a condition of membership." Moved RP, seconded ChM, carried unanimously.

3.2 Forest Fees: International House new weekend fee of \$150.00 commences next month. New MAS fees to be \$15.00 per member per night and \$20.00 per visitor from November.

3.3 Meeting Room – UWS: UWS Connect have advised the fee waiver will be extended for 2012. They cannot yet advise a location. It was agreed that we would stay at UWS and continue negotiating for a room with improved access where possible. Room access would have a priority over tea-making facilities.

3.4 Meeting Room – Blair Athol: This venue was tested for 19th September meeting. It was noted that the acoustics were not best suited for meetings; and the hall would be good for social functions. Our projection screen is too small; and our projector kept shutting down.

3.5 Sister Society: The aims of a potential relationship would be quantified by ChM, using the ASAW aims as a template. Further general discussion on selection of a suitable society was deferred.

3.6 First Aid: Kit purchased. Noel Sharpe and Christine Jupe have nominated as qualified 'first aiders.'

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

3.8 Astronomy 2012 Book: We currently have 28 pre-orders. Order to be placed for 30 copies at \$18.90 plus \$18.00 postage by SG. Sell for \$23.00.

3.9 Christmas Party: Blair Athol, 19th December. Hall booked 5pm – 10 pm. BYO meat, drinks, alcohol. MAS to provide salad. TR to e-mail members for volunteers and numbers. Max cost \$500.00.

3.10 Parkes Trip 7th - 9th October: Now seventeen going. Costing was based on a party of twenty-four. TL will seek a surcharge of \$15 to cover losses due to withdrawals.

3.11 Hawaii Trip 2013: Special Bank Account has been set up. Signatories to be determined.

3.12 Questionnaire: TL will prepare final document for comment.

3.13 The Oaks Airfield: To be used on 17th December. JR will coordinate with the Aero Club.

3.14 Photographic Exhibition

Proposed exhibition at Art Gallery in October 2012 or 2013, dependent on obtaining a financial grant.

3.15 Financial Grant

Application to Arts Council is due next May for a potential 2013 event. However, TL has approached Macarthur Credit Union for a \$5,000 grant towards both the Macarthur Astronomy Forum and the Photographic Exhibition (magnitude) for 2012. MCU response will 1st November.

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

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer:

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

Term deposit:	\$8,000.00
Cash account:	\$7,781.06
PayPal account:	\$7.31
Refreshment float:	\$40.00
Merchandise float:	\$100.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	<u>\$15,928.37</u>

(ii) Since 30th Sept: TL reported (i) Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: expenditure was \$921.06; sales receipts were \$2,097; (ii) Parkes Trip: income due: \$190; expenditure estimated at \$5,230.

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

4.2 Membership: Motion: "That the membership application from Ray Grech be approved"; moved TL, seconded LW, carried unanimously. Resignation of Charlene & Roderick Harrison was noted. Total membership is **90**.

4.3 Merchandise: SG presented a merchandise report dated 31st July (attached). In summary, sales for the month totalled: **\$45.00**; current stock is: **\$1528.38**; donations received: **\$0**.

4.4 General meetings:

(i) 2011 guest speakers: Oct: Gary Kopff; Nov: Prof. Gaensler.

(ii) 2012 guest speakers: January is free for a workshop and Dick Everett is being asked to conduct it. John Rombi has booked four professional and two amateur astronomers between Feb and July. Agreed to ask JR to request Bryan Gaensler for Nov 2012 and then look for two more professional speakers for Sept and Oct., with a workshop to be held in 20th Aug. ChM will ask Humayun Qreshi if he could conduct an imaging workshop on that date. After a discussion about having a speaker after the AGM it was agreed to proceed. Can we get Brian Schmidt from ANU?

4.5 The Forest:

(i) Last event: 23rd, 24th Sept: Washed out. Two attended Friday but left on Saturday.

(ii) Next event: 21st, 22nd Oct

4.6 Stargard:

(i) Last event: 17th Sept; ten attended but fairly cloudy. 27th Sept; abandoned.

(ii) Next event: 29th Oct. (MS 10.13pm)

4.7 Public outreach events:

(i) St. Paul's School Camden: Went well. Asked to go back again.

(ii) Magnitude Public night: The Oaks, 10th Sep. Went well, 60 attended.

(iii) Bunnings Family Event (5th Nov). This will be an outdoor community display, 9 am to 4pm at Narellan. Need 3 scopes and at least 3 members at any time.

4.8 Fundraising:

(i) Bunnings barbecues; Held 1st October at short notice. Organised by TL, great success, profit \$1,175.94.

(ii) Forum sponsorship, website advertising & Prime Focus advertising mailout: no further response from Australian Geographic, Celestron or MCU.

4.9 Prime Focus magazine: the deadline for contributions is Wed. 12th October. The request for interest in receiving printed Prime Focus has resulted in a response from four members. It was agreed to test members response by making printed PF available at the next meeting. Twenty copies @ \$6.00 each.

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

4.11 Technical Advancement: discussion deferred.

4.12 Correspondence & Publicity:

- (i) Correspondence in: Letter from Quasar Publishing re orders for 'Astronomy 2012.'
- (ii) Correspondence out: nil.
- (iii) Publicity: Diary notices for print and electronic media and Facebook have been issued.

5 NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Monday 7th November at Roger's house.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

*Roger Powell,
Secretary
8th October 2011*

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

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

1. Treasury

Cash float of **\$40.00** with Carol for coffee etc.

Stewart has **\$100.00** cash float for merchandising

PayPal account **\$7.31 (\$100.00 in transfer to main bank)**

Term deposit **\$8,000.00**

Date	Details	Cheque	Receipt	Merchandise	Membership	Forest	Donations	Other	Income	Expense	Date Banked	Balance
6/09/2011	Deposit		85344	\$ 40.00				\$ 24.50	\$ 190.00	\$ 254.50		\$ 4,979.86
6/09/2011	Deposit		85337/85336	\$ 170.00				\$ 190.00	\$ 360.00			\$ 5,339.86
6/09/2011	IH-Forest	342								\$ 77.00		\$ 5,262.86
12/09/2011	Taylor Engineering	343								\$ 150.00		\$ 5,112.86
19/09/2011	W.Harrison-Parkes		85348					\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00			\$ 5,302.86
19/09/2011	TL - Parkes bal		85349					\$ 410.00	\$ 410.00			\$ 5,712.86
20/09/2011	Deposit		85338/940/1/2	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00			\$1,050.00	\$1,135.00			\$ 6,847.86
20/09/2011	CHris-Parkes bal		85350					\$ 128.20	\$ 128.20			\$ 6,976.06
21/09/2011	Deb Taylor-Parkes		85351					\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00			\$ 7,166.06
21/09/2011	Dave Wj-Pkes		85352					\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00			\$ 7,356.06
26/09/2011	Deposit		85346/7					\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00			\$ 7,746.06
26/09/2011	SarkisG-Parkes		85353					\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00			\$ 7,936.06
27/09/2011	A.Law- 1st Aid kit	344								\$ 82.50		\$ 7,853.56
27/09/2011	A.Law-lamps&rop e	345								\$ 72.50		\$ 7,781.06

Hawaii bank account has been set up and membership advised details

2. Membership

One new application to consider, Ray Grech, two resignations – the Harrisons

Total Membership stands at 87 members and 3 Honorary assuming Ray Grech admitted

Tony Law

Hon. Treasurer

APPENDIX 2: Merchandise Report

stock control October 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		\$15.00				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	5	\$15.30	\$76.50	\$20.00		\$25.00	1	\$20		4
Coffee Mugs	50	\$8.50	\$425.00	\$10.00		\$12.00				50
Astronomy 2010									\$-	0
Astronomy 2011		\$17.30	\$-	\$20.00		\$25.00	1	\$5		
Emu Dreaming:	5	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$10.00		\$15.00	2	\$20		3
Heavens Above - on consignment	8	\$15.00		\$18.00		\$25.00				8
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				3
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			\$1,528.38							
						Monthly Sales		\$45		

S.Grainger.

APPENDIX 3: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - 1st October 2011

ACCOUNTS

Stewart

Sauages & Onions	\$360.00
sausages	\$32.85
sausages	\$32.56
Ice	\$27.00

\$452.41

Tony

Sauce & Foil trays	\$11.09
Disposble Gloves	\$8.99
Sauce/Napkins/Oil	\$22.83
Drinks	\$179.60
Rolls & Ice	\$27.48
Rolls	\$20.00
Onions	\$20.00
Rolls	\$19.90
Rolls	\$158.76

\$468.65

Total \$921.06

Income \$2,097.00

Net Profit \$1,175.94

T.Law.