



## MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 1 Brewster Place, Leumeah, NSW  
on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Meeting opened at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.54 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 minutes dated 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2011 be adopted." Moved TR, seconded RP, carried unanimously.

#### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**3.1 Meeting Room:** UWS allocated Room "CA-30.G.213" for Nov. 2011, Jan & Feb. 2012. Room "CA-21.G.18 (LT06)" from March to November 2012. Both room's are 100 capacity, with "Easy Access."

**3.2 Astronomy 2012 Book:** We received 28 pre-orders and ordered 30 copies at a total cost of \$576.00 (\$19.20 each cost incl p&p). Sell for \$23.00 each, totalling \$690.00 (MAS profit: \$114.00).

**3.3 Sister Society:** The aims of a potential relationship would be quantified by ChM, using the ASAW aims as a template. ChM is reviewing potential target societies in Finland.

**3.4 Parkes Trip 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> October:** Everything went well. Need to maintain contact with Alex Abbey (President of Central West Astronomical Society) with a view to any future trip.

**3.5 Questionnaire:** TL has prepared the final document for ChM to post on website.

**3.6 The Oaks Airfield:** To be used on 17<sup>th</sup> December. The Aero Club have new owners and TR will coordinate with them, in conjunction with JR.

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

**3.8 Photographic Exhibition:** Proposed exhibition at Art Gallery in October 2012 or 2013, dependent on obtaining a financial grant. Can we choose a date that coincides with "Science Week?" RP to get a budget cost from Arts Centre.

**3.9 Any other business arising from the minutes:** no other business.

#### 4 REGULAR BUSINESS

##### 4.1 Treasurer:

(i) Monthly financial report: a cash report, dated 31<sup>st</sup> October, was provided by TL (attached). Summary:

Term deposit:	\$8,000.00
Cash account:	\$4,859.61
PayPal account:	\$116.32
Refreshment float:	\$40.00
Merchandise float:	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$13,115.93</b>

(ii) Since 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: \$109.45 from PayPal to pay Dreamhost; payments to Quasar (\$576) and Quickcom (\$80); and \$500 income from Bunnings for participation in Family Day.

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

**4.2 Membership:** Motion: "That the membership application from Aaron Fordham and James Scott be approved"; moved TL, seconded TR, carried unanimously. Total membership is **92**.

**4.3 Merchandise:** SG presented a merchandise report dated October 2011 (attached). There were no sales over the month.

**4.4 General meetings:**

- (i) November 2011: Prof. Bryan Gaensler. "Extreme Cosmos."
- (ii) January 2012: January is free for a workshop and Dick Everett has been asked to conduct it but this is not yet confirmed. Ian Cook to be approached if an alternative is necessary.
- (iii) February 2012: Dr. Lucyna Kedziora-Chudczer "Extrasolar planets and the search for habitable worlds"
- (iv) August 2012: ChM. advised Humayun Qureshi has agreed to conduct an imaging workshop.

**4.5 The Forest:**

- (i) Last event: 21<sup>st</sup> Oct., clear, six present.. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, cloudy, eight present. Kitchen equipment found in a disgusting condition on arrival, unfit for use by MAS, IH advised.
- (ii) Next event: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November at increased cost.

**4.6 Stargard:**

- (i) Last event: 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. one attended, postponed 24 hours, due to poor weather conditions. 30<sup>th</sup> October, three attended at short notice, good conditions.
- (ii) Next event: 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**4.7 Public outreach events:**

- (i) Bunnings Family Event (5<sup>th</sup> Nov) Outdoor community display at Narellan. Organised by TL. Successful. MAS awarded \$500 for participation.
- (ii) Panorama Estate, Glenfield (12<sup>th</sup> Nov) TR has enough members going.

**4.8 Fundraising:**

- (i) Future Bunnings barbecues: Will probably do it at Narellan once per year.
- (ii) Forum sponsorship, website advertising & Prime Focus advertising mailout: We need to do another mail-out in the new year. The Commonwealth Bank at Macarthur Square needs to be contacted separately.

**4.9 Prime Focus magazine:** the deadline for contributions is Tue.15<sup>th</sup> November. The interest in receiving printed Prime Focus has resulted in a response from four members willing to pay \$60.00 pa.: Noel Sharpe, Steve Nicoara, Boris Muratovic and Robert Zindler. Two members registered to purchase monthly: Michael Nicholas and Christine Jupe. However, SG sold 12 copies at the meeting and has three left. Decided to continue with the printing, as it will be profitable. Some copies are to be reserved for free issue to VIPs.

**4.10 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook:** ChM is looking to fix the non-functional PayPal button. There is also a known problem with editing the website using Safari.

**4.11 Technical Advancement:** discussion deferred.

**4.12 Correspondence & Publicity:**

- (i) Correspondence in:  
Membership applications (James Scott & Aaron Fordham);  
Letter from Quasar re Astronomy 2012;  
Laser Pointer registration from Jack Giles;  
'Thank you' card from Wollondilly Anglican College;  
Letter from Ragbir Bhathal notifying an event for Prime Focus;  
Brochures from Journey's World Wide re eclipse;  
Bintel: Nigh Sky x 10 for October;  
UWS Venue Hire Agreement.

- (ii) Correspondence out:  
UWS Venue Hire Agreement (signed).  
Membership approval to Ray Grech.

- (iii) Publicity: Diary notices for print and electronic media and Facebook have been issued. Media statement prepared to issue tomorrow.

**5 NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Meeting Catering:** CMc advised that she noticed recently that cash income via the glass jar was not matching the number of cups used. Following the last meeting she noticed there was slightly less money in the jar than there was at the start. It was agreed to start the evening with an empty jar in future and monitor the situation.

**5.2 Committee Messages:** ChM requested that committee members are asked to respond when messages are sent to them. The committee took note.

**5.3 Proposed Expenditure:** “*That the committee sanction the purchase of a video camera.*” ChM proposed the purchase by the Society of a 'Mallincam' to use at public outreach evenings. The camera would be used to instantly display faint objects on a computer screen for the benefit of the public. Unanimous agreement was not reached and it was noted that ChM will outline the advantages in a document at next month's committee meeting. It was also suggested that the members be consulted at the January Forum.

**5.4 Gazebo:** Paul O'Neil has donated a double sized gazebo for the Society to use at public events. Whilst it is larger than needed, the gazebo will be accepted, with thanks to Paul.

**5.5 Future Observatory:** It was suggested by CMc that we seek the opportunity to pursue the new Dharawal National Park as a potential observatory site. RP will approach Bryan Doyle MP and Campbelltown Council.

## **6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Tony Law's house.

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING** The meeting closed at 9.54 pm.

*Roger Powell,  
Secretary  
9<sup>th</sup> November 2011*

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

## APPENDIX 1: MAS Treasury & Membership Report 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011

### Treasury

Cash float of **\$40.00** with Carol for coffee etc.  
 Stewart has **\$100.00** cash float for merchandising  
 PayPal account **\$116.32**  
 Term deposit **\$8,000.00**

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1/10/2011	Interest						\$ 0.11	\$ 0.11			\$ 7,781.17
3/10/2011	ex paypal -CM dep						\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 7,881.17
4/10/2011	SG-Parkes bal		85343				\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00			\$ 8,071.17
4/10/2011	Bunnings Sausage S						\$2,097 .00	\$2,097.00			\$ 10,168.17
10/10/2011	Gang Gang Tours	349						\$ -	\$2,040.00		\$ 8,128.17
11/10/2011	Cash drom Parkes						\$ 215.00	\$ 215.00			\$ 8,343.17
11/10/2011	LW bal Parkes		85357				\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00			\$ 8,533.17
11/10/2011	SG Bunnings expses	346						\$ -	\$ 452.41		\$ 8,080.76
11/10/2011	TL Bunnings expense	347						\$ -	\$ 468.65		\$ 7,612.11
13/10/2011	IH Forest							\$ -	\$ 77.00		\$ 7,535.11
17/10/2011	John Giles- Freezer S		85358	\$ 104.00				\$ 104.00			\$ 7,639.11
18/10/2011	Dep Golden West Motel	350		\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 350.00	\$ 400.00			\$ 8,039.11
18/10/2011	Thaicentric Dinner	353						\$ -	\$ 134.80		\$ 5,182.81
19/10/2011	refund DT Parkes	352						\$ -	\$ 190.00		\$ 4,992.81
19/10/2011	Taylor Engineering	351						\$ -	\$ 84.00		\$ 4,908.81
21/10/2011	T Rhodes Dinner						\$ 41.80	\$ 41.80			\$ 4,950.61
24/10/2011	J Scott + Merch			\$ 80.00	\$ 50.00			\$ 130.00			\$ 5,080.61
26/10/2011	IH Forest Parkes	355						\$ -	\$ 77.00		\$ 5,003.61
26/10/2011	Shire	354						\$ -	\$ 144.00		\$ 4,859.61

Forest payments of \$112.00 transferred to PayPal to cover Dreamhost payment  
 Cheque to Quasar Publishing for \$576.00 to be signed

### Membership

Two new applications to consider, James Scott and Aaron Fordham  
 Total Membership stands at 89 members and 3 Honorary assuming above are 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	
<b>Total Value</b>			<b>\$1,528.38</b>	<b>Monthly Sales</b>			<b>\$45</b>			

S.Grainger.  
Merchandise Officer.