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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park, NSW
on 12th December 2011

Meeting opened at 7.36 pm, closed at 9.00 pm

1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

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

Apologies: C. Malikoff.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: "That minutes dated 7th Nov. 2011 be adopted." Moved TR, seconded RP, carried unanimously. It was clarified by TL that the cheque from Bunnings - listed in item 4.1(ii) - has not been received yet. TL will invite Bunnings to present it at our January meeting.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Photographic Exhibition: Proposed weekend exhibition at Art Gallery in 2012 or 2013, dependent on obtaining a financial grant. The possibility of a grant will be raised with the Mayor of Campbelltown at a meeting tomorrow. SG suggested coinciding the event with Science Week (11th - 19th August 2012).

3.2 Future Observatory: The possibility of identifying a site in Dharawal National Park has been raised with Bryan Doyle MP (Campbelltown). We are waiting for further developments. TL spoke to Jai Rowell MP (Wollondilly) and Robert Gordon (Integration Manager for BHP at Appin East Site), at a recent community function. Both were interested. TL will follow up with Mr. Gordon. RP will follow up with J. Rowell and B. Doyle, also Ragbir Bhathal and Prof Celler at UWS. Possibly Rotary.

3.3 Sister Society: discussion deferred.

3.4 The Oaks Airfield: Stargard to be used on 17th December. Airfield will be sought for a future event.

3.5 Meeting Catering: discussion deferred until we return to Building 21 in March.

3.6 Children's Booklet: discussion deferred.

3.7 Proposed Expenditure: discussion deferred.

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

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer:

Monthly financial report: a cash report, dated 30th November was provided by TL (appended).

Summary:	Term deposit:	\$8,000.00
	Cash account:	\$4,693.75
	PayPal account:	\$7.90
	Refreshment float:	\$40.00
	Merchandise float:	\$100.00
	TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	\$12,841.65

The term deposit expires on 23rd January and it was agreed unanimously to increase the investment to \$10,000 from that date.

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

4.2 Membership: There were no new membership applications. Total membership is still **92**. It was unanimously agreed that membership fees will remain at the same level for the 2012-13 financial year. TL

will issue renewal notices in mid-January.

4.3 Merchandise: SG advised receipts of \$58.00 for merchandise and \$1.05 donation from the Glenfield Public Outreach event; and sales totalling \$570 from the last meeting (mainly Astronomy 2012).

4.4 General meetings:

- (i) January: January is free for a workshop, no guest speaker has been arranged.
- (ii) February: Dr. Lucyna Kedziora-Chudczer "Extrasolar planets and the search for habitable worlds"
- (iii) March: Les Dalrymple.
- (iv) Geraint Lewis has agreed to September; Dr Simon O'Toole will come in October; and Bryan Gaensler will be invited to come in November.

4.5 The Forest:

- (i) Last event: 25th & 26th Nov. Friday cancelled. Saturday clear with four attending and \$60.00 receipts
- (ii) Next event: 23rd & 24th December. We need to determine if we need to cancel this event.
- (iii) Rental Agreement: a hire form has been received from IH, stating charge is now \$120.00. TR will return the form but we cannot advise IH of numbers or names prior to the event.
- (iv) Rental Period: The agreement is for 3 nights. We need to gauge members interest in Sunday nights.

4.6 Stargard:

- (i) Last event: 19th November. Clear, nine in attendance.
- (ii) Next event: 17th December.

4.7 Public outreach events:

- (i) Panorama Estate, Glenfield (12th Nov): Received \$200 donation for attending this event. The organisers would like us to attend events at other venues under their control.
- (ii) Plans for 2012: Nothing booked. TR will contact scouts and other organisations to determine interest.

4.8 Fundraising:

- (i) Future Bunnings barbecue: next event will be October 2012. SG will investigate doing the same at the new Masters store.
- (ii) Forum sponsorship, website advertising & Prime Focus advertising mailout: We need to do another mail-out in the new year.

4.9 Prime Focus magazine: the deadline for contributions is Monday 9th January. Printed Prime Focus is selling better than expected but SG still has back copies available.

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

4.11 Technical Advancement: need to work on identifying the section leaders tasks.

4.12 Correspondence & Publicity:

- (i) Correspondence in:
Bintel: Nigh Sky x 10 for November;
Macathur Credit Union: Letter informing our grant application is rejected.
- (ii) Correspondence out:
Membership approvals to James Scott & Aaron Fordham.
Letter to Bryan Doyle MP seeking assistance in locating an observing site.
- (iii) Publicity: A media alert was issued to local newspapers regarding the Total Lunar Eclipse on 11th Dec.

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 AGM: RP & TR advised that they would be retiring from the Committee at the AGM.

5.2 MacDob: SG to contact Matt & Mel Anderson, as they still have possession of MacDob.

5.3 Macquarie Fields High School: CMc suggested a follow up letter to the Principal, as we heard nothing from them after the cheque presentation.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Monday 6th February at Carol's house.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Roger Powell,
Secretary
14th December 2011

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

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

Treasury

Cash float of **\$40.00** with Carol for coffee etc.
Stewart has **\$100.00** cash float for merchandising
PayPal account **\$7.90**

Term deposit **\$8,000.00**

November Transactions

1/11/2011	Interest						\$0.04		\$4,859.65
7/11/2011	Heery - Scope hire				\$200.00		\$200.00		\$5,059.65
11/11/2011	Kwik Kopy -PF	357					\$ -	\$80.00	\$4,979.65
22/11/2011	Chris M -dinner					\$20.40	\$20.40		\$5,000.05
22/11/2011	Quasar- Astronomy 2012	356					\$ -	\$576.00	\$4,424.05
23/11/2011	Deposit -Glenfield/merch		\$ 75.00	\$ 40.00	\$200.00	\$37.80	\$352.80		\$4,776.85
23/11/2011	TL - dinner, credit card	358					\$ -	\$126.40	\$4,650.45
24/11/2011	TR- dinner					\$43.30	\$43.30		\$4,693.75
Date	Details	Cheque	Merchandise	Membership	Donations	Other	Income	Expense	Balance

Cheques for signature:

Tony Wolf & Son - \$44.00 for lamination work (Bunnings)
Kwik Kopy \$80.00 – PF November
Kwik Kopy \$396.00? Chris - Back Issues of PF
International House \$120.00

Membership

No new applications to consider.
Total Membership stands at 89 members and 3 Honorary.

Tony Law
Hon. Treasurer