



MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 55 Crommelin Crescent, St Helens Park
on Monday 14 May 2012

Meeting opened at 7.34 pm, closed at 10.05 pm

1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Present: C. Malikoff (Chair), T. Law, S.Grainger, N.Ireland, B.Moore, H.Swierk,
Apologies: L. Wright

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: "That the minutes dated 2nd April be adopted." Moved HS, seconded TL, carried unanimously.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Annual General Meeting

- Signatories for cheques: Amended and updated to NI and BM at CommBank, statements to be sent to BM address
- Motion to endorse appointments: Appointments as President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer were endorsed

3.2 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

Invitation to Formal Opening: Did not attend as there was confusion over the legitimate nature seeing as Indigenous people were not invited and there was no formal advertising.

Meetings and discussions: No response from Tharawal People. Draft plan received and will be commented on by sub-committee.

Site identification: Clayworks deemed unsuitable; Northcliff most suitable. Awaiting response from BHP. BM suggested Woogolmai as possible site. Will investigate.

Review of Observatory concept: Still working towards a final concept.

Dome and telescope requirements: Still working towards a final concept.

Budget cost: Still working towards a final concept.

Potential grants: No specific further action to be taken until budget cost estimates are fully developed.

Sub-committee: A sub-committee of TL, TR and RP was formed.

3.3 Photographic Exhibition Magnitude II: 7th-8th July

Display content, printing, mounting: costs updated for 80 images, printed at CAC, mounted for \$6.40ea.

Promotion: featured in Macarthur Advertiser. The Chronicle to feature.

3.4 Invitations from Other Societies

Western Sydney Amateur Astronomical Group: Invitation to Linden Observatory – deferred.

Sutherland Astronomical Society: Invitation to Observatory on hold – to be followed up by CM.

Central West Astronomical Society: Invitation to Astrofest on 14th July. Clashes with Stargard. TL gauged there was no interest from members. TL will announce at Forum on 21 May.

UWS Werrington: invitation to use facilities accepted. CM to liaise.

3.5 Meeting Catering: Volunteer called for at last meeting, no takers. SG suggested the Committee will take alternate turns to organise until a volunteer can be found.

3.7 Children's Colouring and Puzzle Booklet: deferred.

3.8 Proposed Expenditure: CM to reintroduce, investigate funding options, approach CommBank.

3.9 Any other business arising from the minutes: Sister Societies to be investigated in more depth.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer:

Monthly financial report: a cash report, dated 30 March was provided by BM (appended).

Summary:	Term deposit:	\$12,000.00
	Cash account:	\$4,135.56
	PayPal account:	\$18.16
	Refreshment float:	\$40.00
	Merchandise float:	\$100.00
	Cash in hand/un-deposited	\$35.00
	TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	<u>\$16,328.72</u>

Cheques: were presented for signature: KwikKopy: \$90.00 and International House for May: \$120.00.
Direct deposit: due for renewal on 23rd April. Decision on amount to be reinvested \$12,000..
Motion: "That the Treasurer's Report be adopted," - deferred

4.2 Membership

Status: as at 14 May, total membership for 2012 is 86. Lapsed members have been advised via email.

4.3 Merchandise

Sales: SG reported receipts of \$40.20 donations, \$70.00 merchandise sales and \$TBA Prime Focus sales.

Stock Holding: TL to develop spreadsheet.

Dew Heaters: CM to donate and order parts and install.

Astronomy 2012: remaining copies to be purchased by Committee Members.

Members' Calendar: TL suggested creating a wallet size folded calendar with all yearly dates to be given out upon membership renewal. TL to investigate.

4.4 General meetings.

May: Prof. Fred Watson.

June: Dr. Lisa Harvey-Smith.

July: Anthony Wesley (Expert Astro -Imager)

2013: Professor Brian Schmidt has confirmed but date TBA. JR to liaise.

Gift for May guest speaker: SG to purchase wine and chocolates.

4.5 The Forest

Last event: 20-21-22 April. Attendance: 3 Friday and 5 Saturday, 0 on Sunday. \$120.00 was collected meaning we broke even.

Next event: 18-19-20 May. Ned Pastor to open and mushroom picking to occur.

Key Safe Proposal: deferred.

4.6 Stargard

Last events: 14 April abandoned due to weather, 11May 14 members attended.

Next event: 26 May

4.7 Public outreach events

Public Nights: 28th April – 60 in attendance with \$40.20 donations.

28th July and 20th October, at The Oaks. All cleared with Wollondilly Council.

Schools & Community: Next event is at Fairvale High School on 22nd August.

Scouts 10 June: 8 members to attend at Scouts' venue in Cobbitty.

Transit of Venus (Wed. 6th June): RP will invite a limited number of members to view on his driveway.

IH Night on 22 August: NI to confirm with IH re date.

4.8 Fundraising

Bunnings Narellan barbecue 7am-7apm on 9 June: CM and TL to ask for volunteers. TL to liaise with Coles re drinks and rolls. SG to liaise with contact re sausages and onions. 4 volunteers so far – CM to mention at Forum.

Forum sponsorship, website advertising & Prime Focus advertising: TL's Bridge club bought \$40.00 worth of advertising space in May PF.

4.9 Prime Focus magazine: the deadline for contributions is 15 May.

4.10 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook

Content: Facebook is now directly visible the website.

Usage: CM to mention at Forum re: professional comments on FB page.

Misuse: Any posts seen as improper will be removed.

PayPal problem not fixed due to new website.

New website: CM showed the template for the new website with tighter integration and shopping cart.

4.11 Technical Advancement

Glob hunt: JR prepared a list of 97 globular clusters TBA. TR is sorting it into viewing order and developing rules.

Lunar nights: CM will investigate ideas for workshop nights.

4.12 Correspondence

(i) Correspondence in:

Nixco movie tickets – to be raffled at forum.

KwikKopy Invoice108991

Jai Rowel – re observatory in Dharawl NP 'still fighting for this one'

Bintel - newspapers

(ii) Correspondence out: nil

4.13 Publicity

Publicity for next meeting: Media diaries sent 1 May.

MAS Promotion to Schools, Scouts etc.. TL suggested that each Forum is promoted every month with posters at Libraries, Schools etc.. TL to investigate distribution. CM to use Magnitude template and create for each month with information about guest speakers etc... CM to speak to ASAW re advice for promotion.

Radio: NI to contact Bob Bee re contacting radio for short slots in promoting Forums each month. TL to email Ray Hadley re radio spots for Magnitude and Forums.

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Solar Scopes

CM to approach members re bringing solar scopes to Magnitude.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Monday 4 June at (location Tony Law)

7 CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

Nicole Ireland,
Secretary,
May 2012

Signed: C. Malikoff (President)



..... N. Ireland (Secretary)



APPENDIX 1
MAS Treasury Report 30th April 2012

Current Funds

Cash float of \$40.00 with Carol for coffee etc.
 Stewart has \$100.00
 PayPal account \$18.16
 Term deposit \$12,000.00
 Cash un-deposited \$35.00 Seniors Membership

Bank Transactions 01/4/2012-30/4/2012

Date	Details	Cheque	Receipt	Merchandise	Membership	Forest	Donations	Other	Income	Expense	Balance
1/04/2012	Interest							\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05		\$ 5,874.53
2/04/2012	Ray Grech		61942		\$ 40.00				\$ 40.00		\$ 5,914.53
3/04/2012	Deposit		61940		\$ 120.00	\$135.00	\$ 7.00		\$ 262.00		\$ 6,176.53
3/04/2012	Dinner Les D	372							\$ -	\$ 95.40	\$ 6,081.13
18/04/2012	chris -dinner							\$ 27.80	\$ 27.80		\$ 6,108.93
18/04/2012	john-dinner							\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00		\$ 6,126.93
18/04/2012	trevor-dinner							\$ 49.60	\$ 49.60		\$ 6,176.53
18/04/2012	KwikKopy -PF	374							\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 6,096.53
23/04/2012	Interest							\$ 134.63	\$ 134.63		\$ 6,231.16
23/04/2012	Deposit			\$ 54.00		\$120.00			\$ 222.05		\$ 6,453.21
23/04/2012	Cash to Term Dep								\$ -	\$2,000.00	\$ 4,453.21
24/04/2012	IH Forest	373							\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 4,333.21
24/04/2012	Dinner&Stationary	378							\$ -	\$ 197.65	\$ 4,135.56
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Items of note for 2011/12:

- 1) Bank statements will now be mailed to new Treasurers address at Minto (Barry Moore)
- 2) I have received all the accounts and Bank signatories have been finalised.
- 3) The impact of higher charges from International House can be seen in our costs of \$1260.00 for Belanglo and Stargard

Barry Moore Treasurer Macarthur astronomical Society