



MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 33 Hickson Ct Harrington Park
on Monday 4 June 2012

Meeting opened at 7.42pm, closed at 9.48 pm

1 OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

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

Apologies: H.Swierk,

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: "That the minutes dated 14 May be adopted." Moved TL, seconded SG, carried unanimously.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

Update: No more progress from either BHP or Tharawal People. Sub-committee to be given contact details through Bob Monkom's son-in-law at Camden Advertiser.

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

Update: foam core ordered and being prepared by Michael Grey.

There are 80 images to be mounted and hung. Harry Bull to contact CM re: printing the 22 new images.

CM to purchase spray adhesive cans.

Ken Tran at Camera House has offered prizes - will be offered half page ad in next three PF, plus banner on website for three months in return. NI to email PF each month to Ken Tran.

Motion passed to hold a donation-based door prize.

CM to organise one final meeting with Megan at CAC re: signage.

TL to poster local areas this week.

3.3 Invitations from Other Societies

Western Sydney Amateur Astronomical Group: Invitation to Linden Observatory – no progress.

Sutherland Astronomical Society: Invitation to Observatory on hold – no progress.

Central West Astronomical Society: Invitation to Astrofest on 14th July, received, will be featured in PF and website.

UWS Werrington: CM has responded with request for more details, waiting for reply. Dr Ragbir Bahtijal (Honorary member) sent article on Transit of Venus to be put in PF.

3.4 Meeting Catering:

Volunteer for next meeting: NI to deliver and pack up. BM to bring coffee and tea.

Paper cups to be used and members asked to buy an MAS cup and bring along each month.

3.5 Children's Booklet: deferred.

3.6 Proposed Expenditure:

Proposal for funding to purchase a video camera – deferred.

Purchase of generator: deferred.

3.7 Sister Societies

CM spoke to Marnie Ogg re: contact clubs in Scandinavia. In progress.

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

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer:

MAS Treasury Report 31st May 2012

Current Funds

Term deposit \$12,000.00

Cheque account \$3,682.45

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| Petty Cash float | \$88.00 |
| Paypal account | \$18.16 |
| Refreshment float | \$40.00 |
| Merchandise float | \$100.00 |
| CASH ASSETS: | \$15,928.61 LESS Unpresented Cheque \$512.00 (Bus. Art supplies Foam core) |
| TOTAL CASH ASSESTS | \$ 15,416.61 |

Appended: Bank Transactions 01/5/2012- 31/5/2012

Motion: "That the Treasurer's Report dated 31 May be adopted," moved: CM, seconded: SG: carried unanimously.
Motion: "That the Treasurer's Report dated 14 May be adopted," moved: CM, seconded: SG: carried unanimously.

4.2 Membership

Status: as at 14 May, total membership to May 2012 is 83.
 30 responses from Members Questionnaire. All interest has been drawn down at present.
 TL suggested small CC sized calendar to be given out with new cards each year. TL to find out costs etc.

4.3 Merchandise

Sales: SG reported receipts of \$29.30 donations, \$19.20 Tea and coffee April, \$55.20 May; \$140.00 May merchandise sales and \$230.00 Prime Focus sales.
Stock Holding: \$2359.17.
Macdob: currently with Laura Bach. CM sourcing Firefly dew heaters.

4.4 General meetings.

June: Dr. Lisa Harvey-Smith.
 16th Jul. **Anthony Wesley** (Expert Astro -Imager)
 20th Aug. **Humayun Qureshi** - Workshop: DSLR imaging and general astrophotography and processing.
 17th Sep. **Prof. Geraint Lewis**
 2013: Professor Brian Schmidt has confirmed but date TBA. JR working on speaker vacancies.
Gift for June guest speaker: Carol to arrange chocolates and wine. TL to ask Carol if she would continue with the purchase of gifts each month, and reimbursed at each meeting.

4.5 The Forest

Last event: 18-19-20 May. Attendance: 6 on Friday and 3 on Saturday. \$15.00 profit.
Next event: 15, 16, 17 June.
Key Safe Proposal: deferred.

4.6 Stargard

Last events: 22, 23, 26 May. Attendance: 12 on Tuesday.
Next event: 23 June
Cancellation PM: Keyholder will be nominated to send PM. CM, JR, TL, NS, RP are keyholders. Suggested that keyholder to ring Deb Taylor to make judgement call. TL to talk to Deb first, and then advise keyholders via PM of agreed procedure.

4.7 Public outreach events

Scouts 10 June: all ready to go. Start 4pm.
Public nights 28th July and 20th October, at The Oaks. All cleared with Wollondilly Council. Basic public nights.
Schools & Community: Next event is at Fairvale High School on 22nd August. CM to ask members for commitment. International House on 25 August.
Transit of Venus (Wed. 6th June): MAS holding small viewing event at Eagle Vale Leisure Centre. JR to attend all day.
MAS Promotion to Schools, Scouts: SG suggested that we promote our services to these organisations.
MAS Members Events: Noted in October books will be closed for Hawai'i attendance; flights will need to be booked by December.
 TL contacted Bill Frost at Canberra Astronomical Society who are having a deep sky event we have been invited to on 18 August. TL will gauge possibility to organise a weekend to Canberra.

4.8 Fundraising

Bunnings Narellan barbecue 9 June: TL to roster volunteers, waiting for confirmation letter from Bunnings.
 Sausages ordered by SG; drinks and buns from Coles by TL; ice purchased on day from local garage. Sauce from ALDI.

Forum sponsorship, website advertising & Prime Focus advertising: CommBank to be approached
SG to source MAS advertising sticker for banner.

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

4.10 Website, Web Shop, Forum and Facebook

Content: not updated too much, but CM working on ASAW site as a model for ours.

Updating responsibility: TL offered to updated 'What's on' page CM, BM, TL to meet on Wednesday 20 June for website updating lesson.

4.11 Technical Advancement

Glob hunt: No news from TR, or JR. NI to email and ask for date.

4.12 Correspondence

in: Noel Sharpe re Stargard dates – NI to email details to Noel Sharpe.

out: NIL

4.13 Publicity

Publicity for next meeting: Media diaries sent 3 June.

5 NEW BUSINESS No new business.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Monday 2 July at (location NI).

7 CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Nicole Ireland,
Secretary,
June 2012

Signed: C. Malikoff (President)  N. Ireland (Secretary) 