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## MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

### MINUTES FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 25 WEDDERBURN ROAD, ST HELENS PARK NSW

Monday 6 August 2012

MEETING STARTED: 7.30pm MEETING ENDED: 9.45pm

**1 OPENING OF MEETING AND APOLOGIES – 7.30pm** Present CM, TL, SG, BM, HS, Apologies: NI & LW

### 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: "That the minutes dated 2 July be adopted." Moved CM, seconded BM, carried unanimously.

### 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

#### 3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

Update – The committee confirmed North Cliff Colliery to be established as prime site. Roger Powell's plan to progress this site application agreed. Also planned to contact Richard Walsh for evening visit Wed 15<sup>th</sup> August – TL.

#### 3.2 Magnitude Astrophotography Exhibition – 7/8 July 2012

Final Report - Numbers attending were a little disappointing but feedback from the Art Centre was enthusiastic and would like us to discuss further involvement with them in an external musical/astronomy function – CM

#### 3.3 Invitations from Other Societies

Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group: invitation to Linden Observatory - deferred

Sutherland: invitation to Observatory - deferred

UWS Werrington: CM spoke to Ragbhir re: outreach night at the UWS Campus with our members and the general public. CM – deferred due to our busy upcoming schedule

#### 3.4 Meeting catering:

Next volunteer: Penny Reid for August and September). Penny has all the equipment and refreshments.

**3.5 Children's Booklet:** A.S.A.W. – no further update, in progress.

#### 3.6 Proposed Expenditure:

Video camera: Cost approx \$3,200.00, we are approaching CBA for sponsorship funds.

#### 3.7 Sister Societies:

Contact clubs in Scandinavia. No progress.

#### 3.8 Any other business:

Banner with new logo – SG will investigate cost for production of 2mx06m –CM to further discuss.

### 4 REGULAR BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Treasurer

Monthly financial report (see Appendix 1) BM to bank some Petty Cash to lower balance. Term deposit at 5.4% until mid October.

Annual budget: in progress.

#### 4.2 Membership

New membership applications: Vivienne Honeybun, Kerry Murphy, Brett Winmill, Mirta Imarte and Alex Savoy Motion: 'That the membership applications from Vivienne Honeybun, Kerry Murphy, Brett Winmill and Mirta Imarte be accepted' TL proposed, CM seconded, accepted and passed.

Current membership: status 94 members, inc. 3 Honorary.

#### 4.3 Merchandise

Monthly sales: \$63; Donations \$66.30; Prime Focus \$96.00

Current stock holding report (See Appendix 2)

Jackets/Jumpers: SG to check if we can get one colour only – have orders for 10 so far

#### **4.4 General Meetings**

##### Speakers for rest of 2012

- 20th Aug. **Humayun Qureshi** - Workshop: DSLR imaging and astrophotography and processing.
- 17th Sep. **Prof. Geraint Lewis**
- 15 Oct. **Dr Simon O'Toole** (AAO + Deputy Gemini Scientist)
- 19 Nov. **Dr Emil Lenc** (CSIRO-ATNF)

Speaker vacancies for 2013 – From John Rombi on the Macastro website:

In 2013, MAS will continue to bring the top scientists from Australia and the World...visit this page often...there will be a few surprises in store.

Speakers confirmed for 2013 will be Prof Fred Watson, AAO: Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith, SKA..We will also be hosting new faces to The MAS, including eminent visiting astronomers, and high profile amateur astronomers.

Mark Phillips, Associate Director, Las Campanas Observatory will visit The MAS mid 2013.

Profiles and dates will be posted as soon as they are confirmed.

Gift for this month's speaker: Carol has purchased a carton of wine and gift bags to put together the MAS gift.

#### **4.5 The Forest**

Since last meeting: 21 July. Weather report: Friday good to 10.30pm and Saturday to 8.30pm Attendance: 2 X2nights and 1 X 1 night – income \$75. Outgoing \$120.00

Next event: 17 and 18 August and also 24 & 25 for International House sponsored event.

#### **4.6 Stargard**

Event since last meeting: 14 July Weather report: Very cold night: Attendance: 14.

Next event: 11 August

Cancellation PM responsibility – Deb Taylor acting as 'weather person'

#### **4.7 Public outreach**

Public night 28 July – 80-100 attended, great viewing night despite the bright moon. Cold ensured the last visitors departed about 8.30pm

Next event due 20 October – TL to contact Greg Bondar to see if possible to hold at Picton with Tharawal ALC

Schools and community: Fairvale High School 22 August, a couple more volunteers would be great!

Inspire Campaign: MACASTRO inspiring the youth of Macarthur with access to top Scientists – great idea from Roger Powell – committee thought Fred Watson might be the best person to approach if we can progress this

Requests: New requests from Wedderburn Aero Club (TL to check Nov and Dec dates with David Rittie) and Bunnings (two for 1<sup>st</sup> and end of Sept – Chris to decline 1<sup>st</sup> Sept but discuss EOM with Peter)

#### **4.8 MAS Members' Trips**

Hawai'i: Final numbers and passenger details by end of November 2012. TL will make a form and send to members late October, notice to go in Prime Focus. NB check next PF for Day changes of itinerary

Tidbinbilla: Still no confirmation, will be September or October – TL to confirm

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

Sponsorship, advertising and grant possibilities: deferred until we have more info on Dharawal site

#### **4.10 Prime Focus**

Content and deadline: in progress – deadline Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

#### **4.11 Website, Web shop, Forum and Facebook**

Content, usage: in progress on track, MAS Website V2 including webshop and shopping cart.

Updating responsibility: training day TL & BM to be arranged at Forest on 18<sup>th</sup> August

#### **4.12 Technical Advancement**

Globular Marathon changed to 15 September at Stargard

#### **4.13 Correspondence**

Sent and received TBA **in:** Bunnings request **out:** Kwik Kopy Cheque

**4.14 Publicity** Diary notices for Macastro Forum sent.

**5 NEW BUSINESS** - None

**6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** Date : 4 September Location: Henry Swierk's house

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING – 9.45pm**

Tony Law

pp *Secretary 7 August 2012*

**Barry Moore** Treasurer Macarthur Astronomical Society

