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**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MINUTES  
FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held at Unit 1, 30 Kings Rd, Ingleburn

Meeting commenced: 7.35pm Meeting Concluded 8.50pm

30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

1 OPENING OF MEETING AND APOLOGIES Present CM, SG, BM, HS, NI. Apologies TL & LW.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes from July meeting will be adopted at October meeting due to attachment being unavailable for time of meeting.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES As per above, deferred until next month.

3.1 Future Observatory North Cliff Colliery site was visited on 15 August, and final confirmation given as preferred site. Sub-committee met and discussed proposal submission in process of writing by RP, which now include costings for buildings, earthworks and equipment. Estimated time of completion of proposal for submission to BHP is November 2012, timeline for completion of site is two years. Noted that sub-committee will ask Carol McVeigh for advice on WH&S aspects.

3.2 Invitations from other societies All deferred until further notice.

3.3 Meeting catering Penny will continue until the new year; has possession of refreshments and equipment.

3.4 Children's booklet No further update and therefore deferred.

3.5 Proposed Expenditure deferred as individual issue and will be merged with Dharawal Observatory submission costing and funding request/applications.

3.6 Sister Societies deferred until new year.

3.7 Any other business arising from the Minutes No further business.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report Monthly financial report - Bank Transactions listed in Appendix 1

MAS Treasury Report 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012

Current Funds

Term deposit	\$12,000.00
Cheque account	\$3,851.52
Petty Cash float	\$186.60
Paypal account	\$18.16 – Logged in and checked 6/8/2012
Refreshment float	\$40.00
Merchandise float	\$100.00

TOTAL CASH ASSETS \$ 16,169.28 (value at August 31, 2012)

Less

Un presented Cheque 395 \$54.09

FINAL BALANCE \$16,142.19

Annual budget deferred

4.2 Membership New member Paul Auer accepted and welcomed into Society. Current membership stands at 95 paid members and 3 honorary members.

4.3 Merchandise Monthly sales figures \$48 - \$33 merchandise, \$15 Bob Bee's book; Donations \$4.50, Prime Focus \$78. Current stock holding report deferred until Tony returns. Jackets have been pre-ordered by 10 members, SG to check on design details and order \$55 each. Banner will be further investigated, CM to give SG logo on USB for SG to pass on to banner maker.

4.4 General Meetings Speakers for the rest of 2012 are:

- 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 - NI to ask John Rombi for update. Gifts for this month's speaker is a bottle of wine. SG holds box of wine and gift bags from Carol McVeigh.

4.5 The Forest Event since last meeting 17/18 August: no viewing on Friday night, 3hrs clear skies until 9pm Saturday when storm came in.

24/25 For International House was very successful with 50 students attending, weather was not so great, 10 members attended with telescopes. Report in Prime Focus from Henry Swierk. Note of thanks to Ned for delivering BBQs and facilitating dinner.

Next event 15/16 Sept.

4.6 Stargard Event since last meeting 11 August, cancelled due to poor weather. Next event 8 September with a Special Night 15 September Glob Hunt facilitated by John Rombi and Trevor Rhodes. Cancellation responsibility discussed if final decision should be made by Stargard Liaison Officer. No motion made.

4.7 Public Outreach

Schools and community: Fairvale High School 22 August - cancelled due to members' ill health

International House 25 August - report in Prime Focus September issue.

Upcoming Public Night on 20 October at The Oaks

Inspire campaign - approach to Prof Fred Watson - deferred

Requests from Wedderburn Airfield date TBC with David Rittie with possibility November date. Waiting on confirmation of dates from Bunnings BBQ.

4.8 Members' Trips Hawai'i Final numbers TBC by end of November. Deferred until TL returns from OS.

Tidbinbilla trip still to be confirmed and will be deferred until coordinator TL returns from OS.

4.9 Fundraising Possibilities deferred until Observatory proposal completed.

4.10 Prime Focus content deadline Tuesday 11 September.

4.11 Website, Forum, Facebook RP has taken over responsibility for updating the What's On page on the website of which we are appreciative for.

4.12 Technical Advancement Glob Hunt at Stargard on 15 September.

4.13 Correspondence Membership application received and processed. No other correspondence received or posted.

4.14 Publicity sent to usual local outlets and registered as ongoing event on What's On in Macarthur website.

5 NEW BUSINESS Room at UWS has to be reapplied for use in 2013. CM to speak to RP about process from last year. NI to check for document from last year on CD files.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING to be held on 8 October at SG house as long weekend first Monday in October.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING 8:50pm

*Prepared by Nicole Ireland, Secretary September 2012.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N. Ireland', is written over the typed name of the secretary.

**APPENDIX 1 - Bank Transactions 01/8/2012- 31/8/2012**

Date	Details	Cheque	Receipt	Merchand	Member	Forest	Donator	Other	Income	Expense	Balance	P. Cash
1/08/2012	Balance Brought forward								\$ -		\$ 3,811.90	\$ 202.60
1/08/2012	interest								\$ 0.03		\$ 3,811.93	\$ 202.60
8/08/2012	Forest - Ju:y	1969				\$ 80.00			\$ 80.00		\$ 3,891.93	\$ 202.60
8/08/2012	Banked from Petty cash	1966							\$ 40.00		\$ 3,931.93	\$ 162.60
8/08/2012	Banked from Petty cash	1964							\$ 96.00		\$ 4,027.93	\$ 66.60
8/08/2012	Public night and Gen meet Donations	1967					\$ 66.30		\$ 66.30		\$ 4,094.23	\$ 66.60
8/08/2012	Sales at Gen Meet - magnitude sales	1968		\$ 63.00					\$ 63.00		\$ 4,157.23	\$ 66.60
8/08/2012	Ingleburn Rsl Bridge Club								\$ 50.00		\$ 4,207.23	\$ 66.60
10/08/2012	dinner - john R								\$ 24.90		\$ 4,232.13	\$ 66.60
13/08/2012	printer ink - tony	396								\$ 94.35	\$ 4,137.78	\$ 66.60
15/08/2012	Paul Auer membership				\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00		\$ 4,187.78	\$ 66.60
17/08/2012	dinner - Llyod	1970							\$ 24.90		\$ 4,212.68	\$ 66.60
17/08/2012	Kwik Copy P.f. June/july	398							\$ 188.56		\$ 4,024.12	\$ 66.60
21/08/2012	dinner - Chris								\$ 24.30		\$ 4,048.42	\$ 66.60
21/08/2012	dinner - Bob Bee								\$ 21.30		\$ 4,069.72	\$ 66.60
21/08/2012	Int House - belangel hut hire	399							\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 3,949.72	\$ 66.60
22/08/2012	Tea club donationa		1971				\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00		\$ 3,989.72	\$ 66.60
23/08/2012	Domain Name rego	397							\$ 33.00		\$ 3,956.72	\$ 66.60
24/08/2012	dinner - deb Taylor								\$ 21.30		\$ 3,978.02	\$ 66.60
27/08/2012	Tony Law Dinner expenses	400							\$ 126.50	\$ 126.50	\$ 3,851.52	\$ 66.60
25/08/2012	Forset - August attend fee					\$ 120.00			\$ 120.00		\$ 3,851.52	\$ 186.60

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