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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park, 2567, Wed 07 November 2012

Attended by:

Chris Malikoff, Tony Law, Barry Moore, Lloyd Wright & Henry Swierk

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES – Meeting opened at 7.40pm, apologies from Stuart Grainger

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES dated 1 October 2012 – Proposed HS, seconded CM-adopted unanimously. TL is acting Secretary until we can fill position permanently.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- Update from CM & TL. Meeting with NPA (CM, TL & Roger Powell), Chris gave an outline of our proposal, that NPA will give us a formal response at a later date.
- We are trying to ascertain from Crown Lands the situation that pertains to the BHP North Cliff site once remediation takes place.
- Trevor has excused himself from the Dharawal sub committee and has been replaced by John Rombi

3.2 Invitations from Other Societies -Deferred

3.3 Meeting catering: Volunteers for 2013 will be called for at this month's Forum

3.4 Children's Booklet: deferred

3.5 Sister Societies: deferred

3.6 Pull-up banner – not to be progressed

3.7 INSPIRE program – Approach to be made by JR to Fred Watson

3.8 Any other business: none

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report: see attached- Proposed by BM, seconded TL, Unan. approved

4.2 Membership: TL

- New membership applications – Bryan Pablo, Luke Skelton and Frank Lauterbach
- Current membership status and renewal status 95 members and 3 honorary

4.3 Merchandise: TL standing in for SG

- Monthly sales \$268.00, \$14.00 donations
- Current stock holding report – held over to next meeting
- Foldable Banner – update, deferred until SG returns
- Astronomy 2013 update – ordered and awaiting delivery
- Offer from Optics Central, various telescopes and ancillary equipment – new incentive discussed. Committee agreed to add this company link to our website and add banner to website for a limited period.

4.4 General Meetings

- Speaker for November – Dr Emil Lenc

- Speaker requirements and vacancies for 2013 were discussed. We decided to reduce in house lectures to two as we have 9 excellent outside lecturers signed up!
- Gift for this month's speaker – wine, beanie & mug

4.5 The Forest

- Event since last meeting 12th and 13th October – washed out
- Next event: 17th November – TL to collect keys

4.6 Stargard

- Events since last meeting 6th October – no report
- Next event transferred: 10th November at Wedderburn Aero Club

4.7 Public outreach

- 20 October at The Oaks - public night attended by 50+ visitors
- Tharawal Land Council TBC?
- Bunnings School Student Night report 20th October – 2 out of the three schools expected turned up – 26 students. Interest was such that Bunnings wish to repeat every 4 months with different schools each time
- There will be no public nights over summer

4.8 Members' Trips

- Hawai'i – update for September 2013 – TL in process of finalising numbers. Communicating with hotels, airlines and 4X4 rental company at Hilo. Will issue written update at this month's Forum on 19th November
- Tidbinbilla – update – awaiting feedback from HQ. Will not happen until April/May 2013

4.9 Fundraising

- Sponsorship, advertising and grant possibilities – we were unsuccessful in obtaining funds from Macarthur Credit Union.

4.10 Prime Focus – nobody stepped up to take on PF.

4.11 Website, Web shop, Forum and Facebook – CM will upgrade our website early in 2013 where contributors will be able to upload their articles that would have gone in PF. This will be a major 'new look' and interactive site.

4.12 Technical Advancement

- Glob Marathon training sessions –JR to advise

4.13 Correspondence – Bank Statement, MACU letter, emails from NPWS, BHP & Crown Lands.

4.14 Publicity – none for this month

4.15 UWS Room - application has been submitted and await response.

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – December 3rd at 55 Crommelin St, St Helens Park

7 CLOSE OF MEETING – 9.40pm

Tony Law, 10 Nov 2012