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

Held at 55 Crommelin St, St Helen's Park
Monday 03 December 2012 at 7.30pm
Attending: CM, TL, BM, SG, HS

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES – Meeting opened at 8.pm, apologies LW

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES dated 10 November 2012 - amended Stewart's name and grammar in item 3.1

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- Awaiting information from Crown Lands, Stephen Fenn. TL to investigate Fire hazards to be expected in the North Cliff area with BHP and CFS

3.2 Invitations from Other Societies – CM to talk to Frank Lauterbach

3.3 Meeting catering: Volunteer for 2013 – Barry for January

3.4 Children's Booklet: CM further discussions and look at an A3 flyer for us.

3.5 Sister Societies: We agreed to set up web links with the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa (ASSA) following their approach.

3.6 INSPIRE program – TL to follow up with John Rombi regarding Fred Watson

3.7 Any other business: none

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report

4.2 Membership

- New membership applications – Eric Kingston and Alex Massey were approved
- Current membership status and renewal status 97 members and 3 honorary.
- Membership renewals will be sent out early January. We decided that a revised Membership Card would double up as a badge for meetings and functions.

4.3 Merchandise

- Monthly sales – all Astronomy 2013 books sold plus a few PF. Orders taken for a few Shirts. We will advise members when we are about to re-order stock to avoid overstocking.
- Current stock holding report – SG on holiday
- Foldable Banner – update – SG to update

4.4 General Meetings

- Speaker for January– Chris Malikoff
- Speaker requirements and vacancies for 2013 – TL to get update from John Rombi

4.5 The Forest

- Event since last meeting; 17th November – cancelled due to bad weather
- Next event is December 14-15th 2012 – CM/LW to liaise regarding keys

4.6 Stargard

- Events since last meeting 10th November at Wedderburn Aero Club – 4 members attended, John Rombi, Henry Swierk, Mike Nicholas and Tony Law. We enjoyed a sausage sizzle with approximately 30 members of the Aeroclub.

Although the general conditions were too poor to set up scopes, John gave a talk on telescope construction and we took questions from the floor. By 9am there was a gap in the clouds and John demonstrated the proper use of laser pointers in outlining Scorpius and Saggiarius.

- Next Event 8th December 2012 at The Oaks from 6.00pm

4.7 Public outreach

- Tharawal Land Council TBC? – TL to contact new CEO

4.8 Members' Trips

- Hawai'i – awaiting final quote from Jetstar before final commitment to pricing- as advised to the group at our last meeting there has been an increase in airfares since original costing two years ago.
- Tidbinbilla – TL to liaise with H

4.9 Fundraising

- Looking to do Bunnings Sausage sizzle again in March/April

4.10 Website, Web shop, Forum and Facebook, Prime Focus Blog

- Complete renewal of our Website will take place over the coming couple of months. Hope to be running by early February 2013

4.11 Technical Advancement

- Glob Marathon training sessions – discuss with JR

4.12 Correspondence – lot of emails regarding Hawaii bookings and with booking our Forum venue for 2013 –

4.13 Publicity -none

4.14 UWS Room application - at this stage we will be based in the School of Medicine Building again for the foreseeable future. Once confirmed all members will be notified and announcements put on the Website and Facebook

5 NEW BUSINESS

- Mallincam Extreme – we were able to purchase this camera for \$1099.00 compared to original budget of \$3000.00. A deep cycle battery is also required – this will allow us to show live video on a monitor or projector screen

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – 4th February 2013

7 CLOSE OF MEETING – 10.30pm

Chris Mallikoff, President

Tony Law, 04 Dec 2012