

3rd FEBRUARY 2014!



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

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park
Monday 03 December 2012 at 7.30pm
Attending: CM, TL, BM, SG, HS, PR

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES – Meeting opened at 7.35pm, apologies JG

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES dated 13.01.2014 – proposed TL, seconded PR

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- Awaiting confirmation of meeting with Jai Rowell and BHP 11th Feb and future meeting with Andrew Stoner- minister for Crown lands. We have received a supporting letter from BHP to establish the observatory on the North Cliff site.

3.2 Children's Booklet: Allan Williams has produced an A4 draft which Chris will discuss with him (thanks Allan).

3.3 Sister Societies: Chris has contacted Jonti Horner with a view to establishing a relationship with the British Observing Society – CM to follow up

3.4 Display boards – Stewart has produced an excellent prototype display board and was asked to enlarge and finalise, may have ready for Magnitude III.

3.5 Any other business: none

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report – see attached, renewals will boost our funds during February March. We have a \$3,500 liability for Greg Chamitoff's visit and various fund raising and sponsorship avenues will be pursued. We will not need to draw on our term deposit.

4.2 Membership

- New membership applications – Peter Harris and Bob Siegel were approved. We have been advised by Ivan Fox that he is leaving the area and will not renew – thanks for your contribution over the years Ivan.

- Membership renewals are in progress. We currently have 104 members including 3 honorary.

4.3 Merchandise

- Monthly sales – all Astronomy 2014 books sold, 2 to be collected. Total sales \$89.00 and \$24.00 in donations.

4.4 General Meetings

- Speaker for February 17th– Dr Giovanni Carraro
- Magnitude III, 21st February including Brian Schmidt "The Accelerating Universe"

4.5 The Forest

- Event since last meeting; 31stJan-1st Feb – mixed weather but good attendance, 8-9 people each day.
- Next event is Feb 28th –Mar 1st – TL on leave, CM to arrange keys

4.6 Stargard

- Events since last meeting – cancelled on 25th but held on 27th
- Next Event 22nd Feb at The Oaks from 6.00pm

4.7 Public outreach

- Need to confirm May 3rd event for scouts and Rotary. TL
- Complete Magnitude III arrangements – CM/TL
- Organise Greg Chamitoff's funding -TL

4.8 Members' Trips

- Lowe Observatory and Narrabri under consideration -TL
- Look at Atacama/Machu Pichu trip for 2016 -TL

4.9 Fundraising

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Narellan, 12th April 2014

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

- CM as time permits

4.11 Technical Advancement

- Glob Marathon training sessions – CM to discuss with JR

4.12 Correspondence – DOFT action on Public Officer JG

4.13 Publicity –UWS media release for Brian Schmidt. TL to talk to local radio

4.14 Mallincom Extreme – not able to do any more this month

5 NEW BUSINESS – Unable to organise local availability for Forest Keys.

5 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – 3rd March 2014

6 CLOSE OF MEETING – 9.25pm

Chris Mallikoff, President

Tony Law, 07 Feb 2014