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**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
AGENDAFOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held at 33 Crommelin Place, St Helens Park
Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm
Attending: CM, SG, HS, PR, BM and JG.

2014

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES - apologies TL

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES - PR, SG

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- See email from RP. There is competition between the Aboriginal Land Council, National Parks and Wildlife, and MAS for the land currently leased by BHP Billiton. MAS still has a chance to gain access to the land, but is competing with the other parties for it.

3.2 Children's Booklet.

- The draft of the children's booklet isn't ready yet. SG will present when ready.

3.3 Sister Societies

- CM has not had the opportunity to contact Jonti Horner regarding establishing a relationship with the British Observing Society yet.

3.4 Any other business

- SG has not had an opportunity to complete the display boards yet.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS.

4.1 Treasurer's Report-see attached

4.2 Membership

- New members; John Clowry
- Current membership stands at 105 members including 3 honorary members.
- Ursula is leaving due to health, will become honorary member

4.3 Merchandise

- Sales of jackets- nil
- Sales - \$24 in donations, \$24 sales from sales at the forum, \$36 donations and \$103 from donations at Magnitude 3

4.4 General Meetings

- Dr. Amanda Bauer from Australian Astronomical Observatory. "A Long Time Ago in Galaxies Far, Far Away" 17th Mar 2014

4.5 The Forest

- Last gathering was 28th Feb-1st Mar; washed out
- Next gathering 28-29th March.

4.6 Stargard

- Last gathering was 22nd Feb.
- Next meeting 5th April.

4.7 Public Outreach

- T.L to confirm May 3rd event for scouts and Rotary.

4.8 Members' Trips

- Lowe Observatory trip changed to Narrabri. Possibly July/August. Expected cost \$400.
- Atacama / Machu Pichu 2016

4.9 Fundraising

- BBQ fundraiser at Bunning's, Narellan, 12th April 2014.

4.10 Technical advancement, Website, Web shop, Forum, Facebook, Prime Focus Blog

- CM to update due 14th march

4.11 Correspondence

Mail in - application from John Clowry, post office bill, \$107

Mail out -

4.12 Technical Advancement.

- Globular Marathon training sessions are deferred until Winter 2014.

4.13 Publicity

4.14 Mallincam Extreme

- More practise with the cam shall occur, weather permitting.

5 NEW BUSINESS

- Forest keys - TL hasn't been able to contact Jessica.
- TL and CM have been invited to a meeting with Roslyn McCourt regarding a preliminary meeting to discuss co-operation between MAS & UWS at the domes.
- UWS will provide the appearance fee for Greg Chamitoff.
- Elise from Camden library has contacted CM regarding a telescope hire service to the public. Bintel will provide the telescopes and accessories and MAS has been asked to provide assistance in the form of access to the MAS website forum and observation nights to those borrowing telescopes.
- A performing arts group has asked MAS to present Magnitude 3 at the Campbelltown arts centre during their performances from the 4th of May till 18th . The group will give a recommendation for MAS to receive project funding from local council, which can be used for Magnitude 4.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE 7th April at Stewarts

7 CLOSE OF MEETING 9.10