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

Held at 55 Crommelin Cres, St Helens Park  
Monday 5th May at 7:30pm  
Attending: GM, SG, HS, MN, RC and JG.

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES** – Meeting opened at 7:40pm apologies  
TL, HS

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – SG, MN

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- Roger Powell has resigned from the observatory sub-committee and will be sorely missed. We need to assess the impact (if any) of the planned Badgerys Creek airport.

**3.2 Children's Booklet.**

- Work has been taken up by Allen Williams. Have not had an update from him.

**3.3 Sister Societies**

- Jonti Horner has been contacted regarding the establishment of a partnership between MAS and the British Astronomical Society. We are waiting for a response.

**3.4 Any other business**

- SG has not had time to complete the display boards.

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report (see attached)**

**4.2 Membership**

- New members; nil for this month.
- Current membership stands at 105 members including 3 honorary members.

**4.3 Merchandise**

- Sales of jackets - nil for this month.
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**4.4 General Meetings**

- 19th May - Shaila Akhtar

**4.5 The Forest**

- Last gathering 25-26th April
- Next:30-31th May

**4.6 Stargard**

- Last gathering 5th April
- Next - 24th May (Public night)

**4.7 Public Outreach**

- Public observing night 24th May at Dudley Chesham Oval.

- Camden Library has received their telescopes from Bintel, but is waiting for a few more components. Chris will produce a manual to accompany the hired telescopes. Some website resources will be allocated to the public to use when hiring library 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.
- Wedderburn - July Stargard Weekend
- Wooglemai TBA
- Mark Noakes from a local school has asked for an observing night with some school students for Science Week. Possibly 28<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **4.8 Members' Trips**

- Lowe and Narrabri Observatory, 15<sup>th</sup> August, cost \$350.
- Atacama / Machu Pichu 2016

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

- Nil

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

- Nil

#### **4.11 Correspondence**

**Mail in -**

**Mail out -AGM minutes sent to DOFT**

#### **4.12 Technical Advancement.**

- Globular Marathon training sessions are deferred until Winter 2014.

#### **4.13 Publicity**

- Media release for the month of April was not released as it is AGM

#### **4.14 Mallincam Extreme**

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

#### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

- 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.
- MAS will provide tea and coffee for the Chamitoff forum. We will take Chamitoff and company, Vaughn and Crystal for dinner.
- In an attempt to reduce the number of PM's being sent to members, which tend to be ignored, we will produce newsletters for members.

**6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** – at Mike Nicholas's

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING** – 9.30pm