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

Held at 11 Calmar Close, Glen Alpine  
Monday 2nd June at 7.30pm  
Attending: CM, SG, HS, MN, TL and JG.

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES** – Opened at 7.35pm. Apologies RC

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – dated 5th May. Adopted by HS, seconded by CM

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- A night time site visit and meeting has been organised with CM, TL and MN and Richard Walsh from BHP. The purpose of this meeting is to sign off with BHP that we are happy with the remediation plans by BHP at the Dharawal site and to affirm BHP's support for our use of the land
- MN spoke to a senior Qantas pilot who confirmed that the flight path for aircraft landing in or taking off from Badgerys Creek won't be known for many years

**3.2 Children's Booklet.**

- Allen Williams has produced a draft of the children's booklet. Some editing is required, but it is great overall

**3.3 Sister Societies**

- CM will contact Jonti Horner later in the year after he has had time to settle in at his new post in Toowoomba.

**3.4 Any other business**

- SG has not had an opportunity to work on the display boards.

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report - (see attached) accepted by TL, seconded by MN**

- Please ensure report is sent to all committee members

**4.2 Membership**

- New members; Nil
- Current membership stands at 95 members including 4 honorary members.

**4.3 Merchandise**

- Sales - One shirt. \$27 donations.

**4.4 General Meetings**

- 18th June – Dr. Greg Chamitof,

**4.5 The Forest**

- Last gathering 30-31st May washed out.
- Next gathering 27-29<sup>th</sup> June

#### **4.6 Stargard**

- Last gathering 24th May (Public night) was a great success. Many scouts and members of the public came and enjoyed themselves.
- Next – 21<sup>st</sup> June

#### **4.7 Public Outreach**

- CM has prepared a draft manual for the public to use when borrowing the telescopes from the library. We have not received a reply yet. The library is still waiting for covers and cases before lending out the telescopes.
- CM and MN attended the Theatre Kantanka performance on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May. CM was disappointed that our society was not introduced to the attendees. We could attend a joint event later in the future, provided we have more control over such instances.
- Wedderburn - July Stargard Weekend
- Wooglemai – BM will find a date that is suitable to both MAS and the attending group

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

- Lowe Observatory and Narrabri trip plans are underway. TL is looking up accommodation. Possibly July/August. Expected cost \$350. 15 members are travelling on the bus, 4 will travel alone. Members will not be able to take their telescopes, to save on trailer fees.
- Atacama / Machu Pichu, April 2016. After Masa's successful trip, TL will visit Adventure World in Macarthur Square to begin planning an itinerary. Expected trip length is 18 days.

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

- Nil

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

- Nil

#### **4.11 Correspondence**

**Mail in -**

**Mail out -**

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

- The committee will discuss ideas for technical advancement at the next meeting. Some ideas that have been presented are: spectrometry, astrophotography tutorials. The committee will reserve two forums to present such workshops.

#### **4.13 Publicity**

- Media release for the month of June was released. TL will send another on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June to emphasise the importance of our next meeting.

#### **4.14 Mallincam Extreme**

- More practise with the cam shall occur, weather permitting. This will be left to Stargard weekends, to allow members to do their own observing/astrophotography

**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.

**6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> July at Tonys**

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING – 10.05pm**

**Jack Goralewski**

**Secretary – MAS**