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

Held at 1/30 Kings Road, Ingleburn
Monday 01 September 2014 at 7.30pm
Attending: CM, TL, RC, SG, HS, MN

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES – opened 7.28pm, apology JG

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES dated 04 August 2013. Proposed CM, seconded SG, adopted.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- TL has to contact Megan Ely, CEO of Tharawal LALC.
- TL has advised Richard Walsh of our 'certainty' of the North Cliff site for the proposed observatory.
- Subcommittee to advise in due course of any meetings with TLALC

3.2 Children's Booklet. CM – has been unable to progress as yet

3.3 Any other business:

- SG -No further progress with display boards

4 REGULAR BUSINESS.

4.1 Treasurer's Report – see attached report

- Receipts; \$60.00 excess from Narrabri. Donations \$85.00 and Forest \$30.00 will be added to the Cancer Council fund

4.2 Membership -HS

- Two new membership applications received. Glen Moore and Stephen Edwards,. Roberto Soria is going to be joining too.
- Current membership is 100 members including 4 honorary members

4.3 Merchandise –SG

- No new sales – mug and beanie gifted to Roberto Soria

4.4 General Meetings

- Our next speaker on 15 September is Dr Lisa Harvey Smith, hopeful of a good turnout

4.5 The Forest

- 22-24 Aug Rained out
- 29-31 Aug IH weekend, had a good night despite limited viewing.
- Next gathering is 26-28 September
- We discussed the cost of collecting and returning the key. Decision made was for each journey to be compensated \$30.00, either cash or free weekend.

4.6 Stargard

- 30 Aug was a great night for John, Roger and Noel!
- Next event 20 September

4.7 Public Outreach

- MAS to host a training session for Camden Library staff 20 September- CM
- Woolamai has been confirmed for 29 November 2014 - BMoore

4.8 Members' Trips

- Lowe and Narrabri trip was very successful. Thanks sent to Andrew Walsh, John Wilson and Margaret MacFee
- Atacama/Machu Picchu 2016 on track –approx \$6000/person. Bank account is open if members wish to save

4.9 Fundraising – Xmas sausage sizzle – contact Bunnings - TL

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

- CM looking for assistance with Joomla 3.

4.11 Correspondence

Mail in –Membership applications

Mail out – emails regarding various functions.

4.12 Technical Advancement.

- The first '**Beginners Workshop**' will be held in conjunction with Stargard on 20th September 2014
- MN will be the first 'buddy' to great new members and provide assistance in introducing them to the club.

4.13 Publicity

- Media Release sent to Advertiser, Chronicle and UWS

4.14 MallinCam Extreme

- Weather permitting we will try out the system on 20th September

5 NEW BUSINESS

- CM & TL to get in touch with Roslyn McCourt at UWS Werrington
- SG suggested and the committee agreed that the donations from the next forum will also be donated to the cancer council in memory of Stuart Cant - \$175 has already been raised.
- Advertising of MAS & Forum discussed, look at local radio stations

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

- 06 Oct 2014, Tony's 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park 2567 7.30pm

7 CLOSE OF MEETING – 9.35pm

President

Acting Secretary