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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park
Monday 10th November at 7:30pm
Attending: CM, TL, SG, HS, RC, MN and JG

2014

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Opened 7.42pm.

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Adopted by TL, seconded by HS.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- TL was unable to contact Megan Ely from the TLALC.

3.2 Children's Booklet.

- No update.

3.3 Any other business

- SG was unable to work on the display boards.
- TL was unable to organise a meeting with Roslyn McCourt from UWS Werrington.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS.

4.1 Treasurer's Report - See attached. Adopted by TL, seconded by HS.

4.2 Membership

- New members: No new members this month.
- Current membership stands at 101 members including 4 honorary members.

4.3 Merchandise

- No sales this month. \$15 in donations.
- 20 orders have been placed for ASTRONOMY 2015. SG should have the books available at the next forum.

4.4 General Meetings

- Next meeting: 17th November, Dr. Luke Barnes "What happened at the Big Bang?"
- The committee discussed hosting Andy Thomas in 2015. Andy's visit would need to coincide with his next visit of Australia, the date of which is currently unknown. The society would need to pay for his flight to Sydney from Adelaide, accommodation and an appearance fee, which would probably total \$5000. The committee also discussed postponing the visit until 2016, to provide more time to arrange funds, and to also fit in with our forum speaker schedule better. More will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

4.5 The Forest

- Last gathering: 24-25th October. Washed out.
- Next: 21st-22nd November
- A viewing calendar has been given to Roger Powel and Noel Sharpe from MAS, as well as staff at International House.

4.6 Stargard

- Last gathering: 18th October. A small group attended. Viewing was good.
- Next: 15th November

- 4th of April 2015 will be a lunar eclipse. The committee is planning a public night to coincide with this event.

4.7 Public Outreach

- Camden Library will be the custodians of Macdob after it is catalogued and labelled by the library. MAS members will have preference to loaning the telescope from the library.
- Wooglemai has been organised by Barry Moore. Date set for 29th November 2014. Similar accommodation to the Forest is available.
- TL provide update on hosting the Oran Park Probus club. To be held March/April 2015.

4.8 Members' Trips

- Atacama/Machu Picchu 2016 on track -approx \$6000/person. Bank account is open if members wish to save.

4.9 Fundraising

- Bunning's sausage sizzle planned for March 2016

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

- CM requires assistance with Joomla for the website due to a lack of time.
- HS will send out a survey to all MAS members to track changed mailing addresses and emails mid March. Members will need to provide a unique email address per person.

4.11 Correspondence

Mail in - Receipt of donation from Cancer Council Australia.

Mail out - Nil.

4.12 Technical Advancement.

- Next beginners workshop planned first quarter 2016.

4.13 Publicity

- Media release for the month of November as been sent out to the Advertiser, Chronicle and UWS. Kimberly Caines from UWS has been added to the email list for media releases.
- The committee discussed various methods MAS could be brought to the public in a modern way. Ideas discussed included: Podcasts, Blogs and filming the monthly forum speaker and uploading this to our website for public distribution. The success of these media hinges on the capability of the MAS website, so the committee will revisit this topic when the website is completed.
- MN found lists of local public and private schools in the Camden/Macarthur district that the society could contact and arrange a member to visit and give a presentation.
- TL is waiting to hear from Vaughn Macefield to see if the society could arrange a welcome pack for the Macarthur Heights residents together with UWS.

4.14 Mallincam Extreme

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

5 NEW BUSINESS

- HS requested a float so he could pay for mailing receipts, badges and the MAS welcome letter to new members.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - 1st December, 2014 at Mikes

7 CLOSE OF MEETING - 10.12pm

Jack Goralewski
Secretary - MAS

