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

Held at 11 Calmar Close, Glen Alpine  
Monday 1st December at 7.30pm  
Attending: CM, TL, SG, HS, MN DT, MJ and JG.

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES:** Meeting opened 7:35pm. Apologies RC.

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Adopted by MN, seconded by SG.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- TL and DT met with Megan Ely (CEO TLALC) and presented the near-completed proposal. Ely agreed to discuss the proposal at the next board hearing, to be held in March 2015. A meeting with the board was also requested by TL and DT. The advice of Jai Rowell and Richard Walsh will be sought when revising the current proposal.

**3.2 Children's Booklet.**

- CM has not had an opportunity to work on the children's booklet.

**3.3 Any other business**

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

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report - Adopted by TL, seconded SG.**

**4.2 Membership**

- New members: No new members this month.
- Current membership stands at 100 members including 4 honorary members.
- The committee decided to implement an Honour Roll, to which Stuart Cant and Robert Zimmer will be added.

**4.3 Merchandise**

- \$25 in sales this month
- \$20.70 received in donations.

**4.4 General Meetings**

- Next meeting: 8th December. TL giving a presentation on the US space race.
- Andy Thomas will notify us of his availability in 2015/2016.

**4.5 The Forest**

- Last gathering: 21-23rd November - Friday was cloudy, Saturday was great
- Next: 18-22nd December - 4 day weekend!

**4.6 Stargard**

- Last gathering: 15th November moved to 16th Dec due to weather. 3 attendees.
- Next: 13th December

#### **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.
- CM will produce a video guide to assist Camden Library with the telescopes.
- 4th of April 2015 will be a lunar eclipse. The committee is planning a public night to coincide with this event. The Oran Park Probus club will also be asked to attend this event.

#### **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 will work on Joomla in the new year.
- 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** - Nil.

**Mail out** - Nil.

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

- Next beginners workshop planned first quarter 2016.

#### **4.13 Publicity**

- Media release for the month of December as been sent out to the Advertiser, Chronicle and UWS. Kimberly Caines from the 'Chronicle' 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**

- Ragbir is pursuing a 'Science Centre' to be built at UWS Campbelltown. He plans on tying MAS in somehow.

#### **6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** - 12th January, 2015 at Chris's.

#### **7 CLOSE OF MEETING** - 9.20pm

Jack Goralewski  
Secretary - MAS