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

Held at 55 Crommelin Place, St Helens Park  
Monday 5th January at 7:30pm  
Attending: CM, TL, SG, HS, MN and JG.

2015

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Opened 7:30**

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

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- Nothing new to announce. TL will contact Megan Ely at the end of the month, after the TLALC has had their board meeting.

**3.2 Children's Booklet.**

- CM will work on this over the coming months

**3.3 Any other business**

- SG has not had a chance to work on the display boards.

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report - See attached**

**4.2 Membership**

- New members: Received a family application from Max Corssen. The committee approved the application.
- Current membership stands at 106 members including 4 honorary members.
- The committee decided to implement an Honour Roll, to which Stuart Cant and Robert Zender will be added.
- HS sent out emails confirming the email addresses of members. 65 members replied.

**4.3 Merchandise**

- **\$14.30 in donations, \$391 in merchandise**

**4.4 General Meetings**

- Next meeting: 19th January, 2015 - Dr Jonty Marshall "*Circumstellar Debris as a Signpost of Planet Formation*"
- Andy Thomas will notify us of his availability in 2015/2016.

**4.5 The Forest**

- Last gathering: 18-22nd December 2014. Saturday night was great. Sunday night was cancelled due to bad weather. 8 members on Friday, 12 on Saturday and 6 on Sunday.
- Next: 23-24th January, 2015

**4.6 Stargard**

- Last gathering: 13th December 2014. Saturday and Sunday viewing was cancelled due to poor weather. Some members gathered on Monday.
- Next: 17th January, 2015

**4.7 Public Outreach**

- CM to provide update on instruction video to be made for Camden Library.

- 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. Still unconfirmed.

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

- CM will work on Joomla in the coming months.

#### **4.11 Correspondence**

**Mail in** - Family membership from Max Corsen.

**Mail out** - Nil.

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

- Next beginners workshop planned first quarter 2016.

#### **4.13 Publicity**

- Media release for the month of January has been sent out to the Advertiser, Chronicle and UWS.
- 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.
- TL and HS will receive training from CM for the back end of the website.

#### **6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 2nd Feb, 2015 at HS.**

#### **7 CLOSE OF MEETING**

Jack Goralewski  
Secretary - MAS