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

Held at 1/30 Kings Road, Minto  
Monday 2nd February at 7:30pm  
Attending: CM, TL, SG, HS and DG

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES:** Meeting opened 7:30. Apologies MN.

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

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- TL has not heard from Megan Ely yet. He will contact her to find out the land councils position.

**3.2 Children's Booklet.**

- CM has not had a chance to work on the booklet yet.

**3.3 Any other business**

- SG has not had a chance to work on the booklet yet.

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

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

- The committee decided that \$3000 will be invested into the term deposit account with Commonwealth Bank.
- CM will create a shopping cart on the MAS website that will correctly account for paypal fees, to ensure that all members are paying the correct amount.

**4.2 Membership**

- New members: No new members this month
- Current membership stands at 106 members including 4 honorary members.
- CM is in the process of creating a honour roll on the MAS website.
- The committee discussed the pricing of senior membership versus family rates. It was decided that the fee will be left as is for the time being and discussed in November.

**4.3 Merchandise**

- \$48 in sales and \$7.20 in donations.

**4.4 General Meetings**

- Next meeting: 16th February, 2015 - Dr Fred Watson "Australians vs the Galaxy - RAVE, GALAH and beyond". MN to arrange flowers for Marnie and SG a novelty gift.
- Andy Thomas will notify us of his availability in 2015/2016.

**4.5 The Forest**

- Last gathering: 23-24th January, 2015. Washed out. Saturday had good viewing, but only one member attended.
- Next: 20-21st February, 2015.

**4.6 Stargard**

- Last gathering: 17th January, 2015. Good night. 10 members attended.
- Next: 14th February, 2015.

**4.7 Public Outreach**

- CM has not had a chance to produce an instructional video 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 2nd May, 2015. Awaiting confirmation.

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

- CM will work on Joomla in the coming months.
- TL and HS will receive training from CM for the back end of the website

#### **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 February 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 contacted John Terry and Camden Highschool offering our services to the schools. MN has not had any interest returned.
- 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.

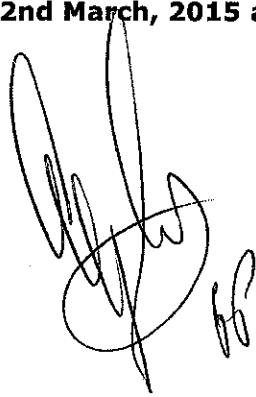
#### **4.14 Mallincam Extreme**

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

### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

### **6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 2nd March, 2015 at Tony's.**

### **7 CLOSE OF MEETING**



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