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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CLUB HOUSE, 10000 HILLS ROAD, MINTO NSW
MONDAY 20th MARCH 2015
CHAIRMAN: G. ALLSCOTT

2015

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Meeting opened 7:435pm.

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Adopted RC, seconded SG

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- A letter was received from Megan Ely. The letter stated that since the parcel of land wanted by the society was not under the ownership of the Dharawal Land Council, they did not have the power to make any recommendation. TL will send a reply letter to the Land Council, requesting their support in principle.

3.2 Children's Booklet.

- CM has not had time to work on the children's booklet yet.

3.3 Any other business

- SG has not had time to work on the display boards yet.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS.

4.1 Treasurer's Report - See attached

4.2 Membership

- New members: Roberto Soria.
- Current membership stands at 107 including 4 honorary members
- The committee decided to drop Obs. Committee from the name tags of observatory sub-committee members.
- The committee decided to award Vaughn Macefield, Krystal Upton and Rhonda Griffiths associate memberships.

4.3 Merchandise

- **Donations \$62.50**
- **Sales \$86**
- **SG will look into ordering new glasses/mugs for the society.**

4.4 General Meetings

- Next meeting: Dr. James Allen "Big is Beautiful: Why Surveys Are Crucial For Astronomy" 16th March, 2015.
- Andy Thomas will notify us of his availability in 2015/2016.

4.5 The Forest

- Last gathering: 20-21st February, 2015: 5 members on Friday night. Washed out remaining of weekend.
- Next: 20-21st March, 2015.

4.6 Stargard

- Last gathering: 14th February, 2015: Washed out.
- Next: 14th March: Setting up telescope tutorial.

4.7 Public Outreach

- CM has not had an opportunity to work on the 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.
- Bunning's Fun Day 7th March 2015.

4.8 Members' Trips

- TL has requested a new quotation for airfares since the fall of the Australian Dollar.
- TL is organising a trip to Coonabarabran in October 2015.

4.9 Fundraising

- Bunning's sausage sizzle planned for 2nd May, 2015.

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 will be a telescope setup tutorial, held at Stargard, 14th March, 2015.

4.13 Publicity

- Media release for the month of March has been sent out to the Advertiser, Chronicle and UWS.
- TL is waiting to hear from Krystal Upton 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

- MN contacted Prairiewood High who is holding a "School Science Conference", advertising our services.
- Centennial Park Trust would like to run an astronomy night at their Education Centre. The committee agreed to offer our services twice a year.
- MN found a website, light2015.org.au, where any events related to light are advertised. The committee agreed to post our calendar on the website.
- The committee agreed to donate \$150 to Bill Ricketts who will be driving to speak at our Forum

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

7 CLOSE OF MEETING


Chir Malikoff


Jack Goralewski
Secretary - MAS