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

Held at Ellis Lane, Ellis Lane *2015*
Monday 13th April at 7:30pm
Attending: CM via phone, TL, SG, HS, RC and JG.

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Opened 7:34pm, apologies MN

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

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- Jai Rowell has brought the observatory to the attention of the state science minister, who appears to be very positive about the prospective observatory. TL will send the current proposal to Jai Rowel to pass on to the science minister and arrange a walkthrough of the site. Megan Ely will be invited to the meeting.

3.2 Children's Booklet.

- CM has not had an opportunity to work on the 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 - See attached

4.2 Membership

- No new members this month.
- Current membership stands at 107 including 4 honorary members
- 25 members are yet to pay membership fees. HS will send final reminders by post or email.
- 15 year membership award to Phil Kidd. 5 year membership awards to Boris Muratovic and Jack Giles.
- Vaughan Macefield, Krystal Upston and Rhonda Griffiths will be presented their associate memberships at the 2015 AGM.

4.3 Merchandise

- Donations: \$29.60
- Sales: \$78
- SG contacted the manufacturer of the mugs. Price is \$8 each. CM to send MAS graphic to SG.

4.4 General Meetings

- Next meeting: AGM 20th April 2015
- Andy Thomas will notify us of his availability in 2015/2016.
- Ed Kruzins 5th August special event

4.5 The Forest

- Last gathering: 20-21st March, 2015. Washed out.
- Next: 17-18th April, 2015

4.6 Stargard

- Last gathering: 11th April 2015. Washed out after 2hrs.
- Next: 23rd May 2015.

4.7 Public Outreach

- CM to provide update work on the video for Camden Library.
- MN contacted Prairiewood High who is holding a "School Science Conference", advertising our services. MAS will provide 3 solar scopes. 30th April.
- Centennial Park Trust would like to run an astronomy night at their Education Centre. The committee agreed to offer our services twice a year.

4.8 Members' Trips

- TL has revised the cost of the Atacama trip to ~\$7000. The trip will now include ALMA Observatory.
- TL has handed over organising the Coonabarabran trip to MN and CMcV. October 2015.

4.9 Fundraising

- Bunning's sausage sizzle planned for 9th 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 workshop will cover polar and drift alignment. July 2015.

4.13 Publicity

- No media release for the month of April was produced due to the AGM.
- TL is waiting to hear from Krystal Upston to see if the society could arrange a welcome pack for the Macarthur Heights residents together with UWS.
- 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.

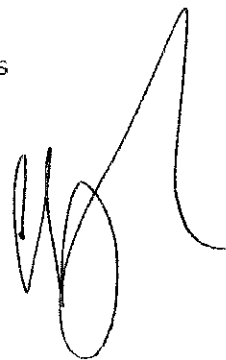
4.14 Mallincam Extreme

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

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: May 4th at Tony's

7 CLOSE OF MEETING



Jack Goralewski
Secretary - MAS

Chris Malikoff
President - MAS