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

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park
Monday, 3rd May at 7.30pm
Attending: TL, SG, HS, MN, RC, CV and JG.

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES:

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: dated 13th April 2015. Adopted by TL. Seconded CV.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- TL has not been able to contact Jai Rowell and the state science minister.

3.2 Children's Booklet.

- The committee decided to abort this project due to lack of resources.

3.3 Any other business

- SG has not been able to work on the display boards.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS.

4.1 Treasurer's Report - See attached. Adopted TL. Seconded MN

4.2 Membership

- New members: No new members at the time of the meeting.
- Current membership stands at 96 including 4 honorary members. 12 members did not renew their memberships. TL will contact them to find out why.

4.3 Merchandise

- Donations \$14.35
- Sales \$38
- SG will get a costing for 50 mugs. TL will send a PM to members for presales.

4.4 General Meetings

- Next meeting: Dr Angel Rafael-Lopez Sanchez (AAO) 18/05/2015.
- Andy Thomas will notify us of his availability in 2016.
- The membership requested a forum with Bintel

4.5 The Forest

- Last gathering: 17-18th April, 2015. Washed out
- Next: 15-16th May, 2015.

4.6 Stargard

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

4.7 Public Outreach

- TL has taken over the telescope project with Camden library. MAS will hold an observing night at Camden library when their telescopes are ready for hire
- TL has approached the winners of the Prairiewood High "School Science Conference", offering the girls to present their work at an MAS forum
- MAS will participate in Mt Stromlo's world record breaking attempt of most observers observing an object on Friday 21st August.

4.8 Members' Trips

- Chile/Peru 2016 set for 11th-26th April. Travellers will visit Las Campanas, La Silla, Gemini South, ALMA and Parranal VLT.
- MN and CV are organising a trip to Coonabarabran. 2nd-4th 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.

- Polar alignment tutorial set for the 11th July, 2016.
- An astrophotography tutorial was requested by members at the AGM. TL will arrange with CM.

4.13 Publicity

- Media release for the month of May was distributed to newspapers and online editors.
- 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.

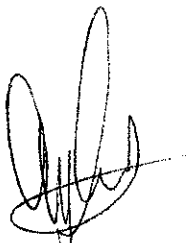
4.14 Mallincam Extreme

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

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 1st June, 2016 at Carols.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING: 10pm.



Tony Ward
PRESIDENT

Jack Goralewski
Secretary - MAS