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

Held at 1/30 Kings Road, Ingleburn  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm  
Attending: TL, SG, RC, HS, CMcV

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES** – Opened at 7.35pm, apologies JG, MN

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** dated Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 – proposed TL, seconded HS

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- Re-establish connection with Wollondilly Shire Council. Await feedback from Jai Rowell

**3.2 Any other business:** none

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report** – see attached, our funds are in a good position with \$19,000 on term deposit and over \$4,000.00 in main cheque account.

**4.2 Membership**

- New membership applications accepted – Ric Forster
- Current Membership 104 members including 4 honorary
- Noreen Nicoara thanked us for honouring Steve. Unable to take up offer of membership as living out of area now
- Committee decided on a 'Glass Mountain' Plaque for 20 year veterans of MAS!

**4.3 Merchandise**

- Monthly sales – Nil. \$25.65 in donations.
- New Mugs – SG to chase up quotation
- Pens – SG to investigate further

**4.4 General Meetings**

- Speaker for July 20<sup>th</sup> Macarthur Astronomy Forum – Dr Luke Barnes (USyd)
- Special Event August 5<sup>th</sup> – Dr Ed Kruzins, *Director*, Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex, CSIRO Astronomy and Space Science (CASS)

**4.5 The Forest**

- Last gathering: 19-20<sup>th</sup> June – Best weekend since Nov 2014!
- Next event is 17-18<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**4.6 Stargard**

- Last gathering cancelled due to poor weather.
- Next Event 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at The Oaks from 4.00pm; polar alignment seminar to start the night's viewing.

#### **4.7 Public outreach**

- Camden Library – awaiting on Elysa Denis to confirm date
- Stargazing, Guinness Book of Records, World record attempt Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August
- Cataract Dam – Scopes and/or speaker, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September
- Prairiewood High School speakers – December 14th

#### **4.8 Members' Trips**

- Atacama/Machu Pichu trip being finalised to try and hold price due to AU\$ demise
- Starfest Coonabarabran Oct 2nd-4<sup>th</sup> – Carol McVeigh has this organised we can take a further 18 members – deposits by August meeting.

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

- None at this time

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

- CM as time permits, TL & HS had a training session with Chris during the month

#### **4.11 Technical Advancement**

- Polar alignment tutorial 4pm 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2015
- Astrophotography Tutorial – Oct/Nov

#### **4.12 Correspondence – DOFT –chase outstanding cheque JG**

#### **4.13 Publicity**

- Media release for July Forum has been released
- Welcome pack for Macarthur Heights, Krystal Upston has new contact at the Developers

#### **4.14 Mallincam Extreme – may be able to progress this month, weather permitting**

#### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

- New cabinet to be installed at The Forest - TL
- Newsletter to be revived - TL

#### **5 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015**

#### **6 CLOSE OF MEETING – 9.25pm**

*Tony Law, President*

*07 July 2015*