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

Held at 31 George Caley Place,
Mt Annan
Monday 7th September at 7:30pm
Attending: TL, SG, RC, CMcV, MN and JG

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Opened 7:40pm by TL. Apologies HS.

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Proposed by TL, seconded by CMcV

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- TL has emailed Jai Rowell for a follow up meeting. Awaiting response.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS.

4.1 Treasurer's Report - See attached. Proposed by RC, seconded by MN

4.2 Membership

- New members: Tony Larkin (Asako, Anna, Sara, Carlo)
Sergio Roman (Maria, Ricardo, Ayrton)
Kira Leeon
Mark Sellars
Angela and Jonathan Jansz
Gary Bargallie
Robert mcGoven
- Current membership stands at 115 including 4 honorary members
- Steven Crosby will be given membership until 2017 for donating his 8in Dobsonian Telescope to the society.
- TL proposed, and the committee agreed, to removing the joining fee for new members from the library, in addition to bringing forward the grace period to October. Only for library members.

4.3 Merchandise

- Donations:
\$106.40 in donations from Ed Kruzins talk.
\$28.40 from ANU Stargazing event
- Sales: \$250 Mini Telescopes - ANU stargazing event
- The committee agreed to purchase new pens for members and guest speakers. 150 pens and 25 cases will be purchased.
- The committee agreed to purchase a 'Tap and Go' Paypal Unit and tablet to simplify sales of merchandise

4.4 General Meetings

- Next meeting: Prof Geraint Lewis, 21st September 2015
- Andy Thomas will notify us of his availability in 2016.

4.5 The Forest

- Last gathering: 14-15th August, 2015. Friday was good. Saturday was washed out.
- Next: 11-12th September, 2015

4.6 Stargard

- Last gathering: 8th August, 2015. Washed out
- Next: 3rd October

4.7 Public Outreach

- Camden Library is in the final stages of completing the telescope loan scheme.
- The Prairiewood High winners will come in later this year to present their work

4.8 Members' Trips

- There are 7 people who have signed up to the S. America trip. One spot vacant.
- Total cost of the Coonabarrabran Trip is \$7425, with \$6850 received from members. Cost of the trip will be increased by \$20 per person and MAS will absorb the remainder.

4.9 Fundraising

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

4.11 Correspondence

Mail in - Gary Bargallie membership application.

Mail out - Nil.

4.12 Technical Advancement.

- An astrophotography tutorial will be help Oct/Nov
- UWS Penrith Observatory: UWS has approached MAS for an observing night with the telescope(s) at Werrington.

4.13 Publicity

- Media release for the month of September has been sent out.

4.14 Mallincam Extreme

- Test of the Mallincam at the Forest was successful.

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: at Tonys. Possibly 8th October.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING: 9:45pm.

Jack Goralewski
Secretary - MAS



Tony Law
President - MAS