

<p>PO Box 17 MINTO NSW 2566</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MINUTES FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Held at 11 Calmar Place, Glen Alpine Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.30 pm Attending: TL, SG, HS, CMcV, MN and JG.</p>
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1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Opened 7:31pm. Apologies RC

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Proposed by JG, seconded by HS

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Other business

- Business arising from November Minutes.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report

See attached

4.2 Membership

- New members: Samaneh Soleimani
- Current membership stands at 121 members, including 4 honorary and 3 associate members.
- By laws will be changed to state the the beginning of the MAS financial year marks the beginning of membership
- By law relating to family application joining fee to be clarified by TL to remove ambiguity.
- Application from Brigit Mitchell and John Borden for a family membership. Approved by committee.
- An engraved plaque will be awarded to members for 20 years continuous membership.
- Phil Ainsworth will be awarded a founder's plaque at the MAS bday in Feb. At the AGM, Noel Sharpe, Philip Ainsworth, Robert Bee, Ragbir Bhatal, Ian cook, Roger Powell

4.3 Merchandise

- November: Donations \$96, December: membership + donations + merchandise \$235
- SG brought sample shirts to be made. The committee agreed on the new MAS shirt style/material
- Plaques for 20th anniversary (Feb 2016) to be ordered early next year.
- RC is expecting the "Tap and Go" Paypal unit and tablet soon.
- MAS received a Jaycar trade card application from one of its members.

4.4 General Meetings

- Vina Hing, Linh Thuy Nguyen (Prairiewood High) 14th Dec. 2015.
- Birthday party: Wine and sandwiches will be purchased. Members will need to RSVP. Budget of \$1000.
- Andy Thomas still a possibility for 2016.

4.5 The Forest

- Last 13-15th November 2015. Washed out.
- Next 11-12th December

4.6 Stargard

- Last 7th November 2015. Washed out.
- Next 31st Dec and 2nd Jan.

4.7 Public Outreach

- o Cobbitty Scouts will contact TL Jan 2016.
- o MN will assist Ragbir on 5 of his monthly during his astronomy nights with public schools.

4.8 Members' Trips

- Atacama/Machu Picchu 2016: 7 people signed, one spot still vacant.
- A possibility yet to be reviewed to organise a next year trip to Western Australia to visit ASKAP (Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder). Details to be advised. Postponed to 2017.
- Brisbane science week. Email has be circulated around the committee and will be advised to membership at the next forum.
- TL and committee to develop a tours policy.

4.9 Fundraising

- Bunnings BBQ possibly in May 2016. Details yet to be confirmed.

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

- CM yet to set a new gallery on the MAS website to store new images.

4.11 Correspondence

- **Mail in** - AASA STEM organisation from WA
- **Mail out** - nil

4.12 Technical Advancement

- UWS Penrith Observatory: UWS approached MAS for observing night with the telescopes at Werrington. This to be brought up at the next forum.

4.13 Publicity

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

4.14 Future Observatory at Dharwal National Park

- TL to advise committee on JR's recommendations on how to proceed with the observatory. NA

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 4th Jan, 2016 at CMcV

7 CLOSE OF MEETING: 9:45pm