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

Held at 31 George Caley Place, Mt Annan
Monday 4th Jan 2016 at 7.30pm
Attending: TL, CMcV, SG, RC, MN

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

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: dated Mon 07 Dec 2015– proposed TL, seconded SG

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES -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 \$3,620.00 in main cheque account. Quasar Publishing cheque signed for \$567.00 – Proposed RC, seconded CMcV

It was agreed that membership fees would remain the same for 2016

4.2 Membership (HS not in attendance)

- New membership applications accepted – tba
- Current Membership 125 members including 4 honorary and 3 associates
- By law amendments as discussed last month will be presented to committee at the next meeting - TL
- Committee decided on a 'Glass Mountain' Plaque for 20 year veterans of MAS to be awarded at AGM! Special memento for Phil Ainsworth agreed to be presented at February Birthday Party.

4.3 Merchandise

- Monthly sales – \$342.00. \$25.45 in donations.
- New receipt books to be purchased.
- Tap and Go PayPal unit to be purchased – TL
- New Plaques for 20 year to be ordered to be presented at May AGM
- New Mugs and pens on sale, new shirts and caps to be ordered after next Forum.
- MAS JAYCAR trade card has been set up, details circulated to members. Membership card to be shown at time of purchase.

4.4 General Meetings

- Speaker for Jan 18 Macarthur Astronomy Forum – Dr Jonty Marshall (UNSW)
- Birthday Party at 6.30pm prior to February Forum on 15th – members to be reminded that a booking must be made to attend by February 1st, so we can cater correctly. CMcV has generously donated champagne and wine for the event.
- TL to contact Andy Thomas to see if we can agree a date in 2016
- TL to contact Dave Everett with the view to having article in each quarterly edition of In Macarthur magazine giving speaker details and salient astronomical facts; would he charge?

4.5 The Forest

- Last gathering: 11-12th Dec – Friday fine, Saturday cloud!
- Next event is 8-9th Jan 2016

4.6 Stargard

- Successful NYE! First gathering of 2016nd Jan 2016 cancelled due to poor weather.
- Next Event 9th Jan, 2015 at The Oaks from 7.00pm (addition to published program); followed by 30th January, gates open 6.30pm

4.7 Public outreach

- Cobbitty Scouts, awaiting confirmation
- Dates given to Ragbir for schools' program: April 09, May 28 (full public night), June 11, August 20 and September 10 - all but May to be confirmed. – Discuss toilet facilities with Ragbir.
- To purchase a visitor's book for public nights for the visitors to make comments and leave contact details etc.
- TL giving talk to Probus, Gregory Hills on MAS in July

4.8 Members' Trips

- Atacama/Machu Picchu trip finalised, completing OH&S documentation for the telescope visits.
- Details of the Brisbane Science week will be circulated to members, as will the NACAA program, via the Newsletter.
- Tours policy to be presented to committee at February meeting TL/MN

4.9 Fundraising

- Application made to Bunnings for May 07 2016

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

- CM, having issues with the new gallery, trying another source

4.11 Technical Advancement

- To be arranged

4.12 Correspondence – AASA – STEM organisation has set up contact

4.13 Publicity

- Media release for January 2016 Forum has been released

4.14 Dharawal Observatory Project – TL to re-contact Jai Rowell

5 New Business

6 Next Committee Meeting – 01 February 2016

7 Close of Meeting – 9.25pm