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

Held at
1/30 Kings Road, Ingleburn
Monday 1st February 2016 at 7.30pm
Attending: TL, SG, HS, RC, CMcV, MN and JG.

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Opened 7:35pm

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: dated 4th Jan, 2016. Proposed by TL, seconded by CMcV

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Other business

- The committee agreed that all members assisting Raghbir will have a NSW Police "Working with Children" check.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report

See attached – Proposed by RC, seconded by MN

- The committee agreed to free up \$2000 from savings to spend on merchandise

4.2 Membership

- New members: Nil
- Current membership stands at 126 members, including 4 honorary and 3 associate members.
- 31 members have already renewed
- By laws updates provided by TL at the next committee meeting.
- 'Glass Mountain' plaque to be awarded to the 20 year veterans of MAS to be awarded at the February Birthday Party.

4.3 Merchandise

- Sales: \$112
- Donations: \$22.80

4.4 General Meetings

- Next forum speaker: Dr Luke Barnes, 15th Feb.
- Birthday party: 15th February. 70 people have booked. Food, drinks and accommodation for Phil Ainsworth has been arranged.
- Andy Thomas still a possibility for 2016.

4.5 The Forest

- Last: 8-9th Jan. Friday was washed out, but Saturday was good.
- Next: 5th-6th Feb

4.6 Stargard

- Last: 30th Jan. Washed out.
- Next: 5th Mar.
- Possibility for a public night Easter Saturday, 26th March, 2016

4.7 Public Outreach

- TL is waiting for a response from Cobbitty Scouts.
- Ragbirs school program dates: 9th April, 28th May, 11th June, 20th Aug, 10th Sep. May TBC. Toilet facilities to be discussed.
- Wooglemai, 25th June.

4.8 Members' Trips

- Atacama/Machu Picchu 2016 booked and ready to go.
- 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 been circulated around the committee and will be advised to membership at the next forum.
- MN has produced a tours policy and circulated the draft to the committee for review.

9. Fundraising

- Bunnings BBQ May 7th 2016.

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.
- Honour Roll to be added to the website.

4.11 Correspondence

- **Mail in** - nil
- **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.
- TL has arranged a meeting with Ain.

4.13 Publicity

- Media release for the month of Feb 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 (moved to next month).

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 7th March, 2016 at Stewarts.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING: 9:38pm.