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

Held at
33 Hickson Circuit, Herrington Park
Monday 5th of April 2016 at 7:30pm
Attending: SG, CV, MN, RC, HS, JL and JG

1. OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Meeting opened at 7:32pm.
2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: dated 7th March, 2016. Proposed by JG, seconded by MN.
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
 - 3.1 Other business
 - Current committee members have renominated for their positions. Members have until the 1st of May for new nominations.
 4. REGULAR BUSINESS
 - 4.1 Treasurer's Report - See attached
 - Adoption of Treasurers Report dated 31st March, 2016 proposed by RC, Seconded by SG.
 - The committee agreed to transfer \$2000 to the term deposit.
 - 4.2 MEMBERSHIP
 - No new members this month.
 - Current membership stands at 127 members, including 4 honorary and 2 associate members.
 - 4.3 MERCHENDISE
 - Sales: \$24.15
 - Donations: \$88
 - 4.4 GENERAL MEETINGS
 - Next forum speaker: Dr. Lucyna Kedziora-Chudczer (UNSW) 18th April
 - Andy Thomas still a possibility for 2016.
 - Dr Ed Kruzens will be visiting in August 2016.
 - 4.5 THE FOREST
 - Last: 11-12th March, 2016. Friday was poor. Saturday had 2hrs of viewing time.
 - Next: 8th-9th April, 2016
 - 4.6 STARGARD
 - Last: 2nd April; milky.
 - Next: 30th April.

4.7 PUBLIC OUTREACH

- TL has asked Ragbir to follow up on schools that will be attending the school nights. B21 toilets will be available for the public.
- Wooglemai set for 25th June, 2016. Luke Barnes will give a talk.
- CMcV contacted local high schools regarding Ragbirs viewing nights. There has been little interest
- MAS members do not require a police 'Working with Children Check' as they are considered volunteers by NSW Police.

4.8 MEMBERS TRIPS

- Atacama/Machu Picchu 2016 is ready to go.
- SKA tour August/September.
- MN will rework the tours policy on recommendations of committee members.
- UWS Penrith 6th July at 7:30pm.
- Sydney Observatory, 24th July 2016. July 1st is the cut-off date.

4.9 FUNDRAISING

- Bunnings BBQ 7th May, 2016. TL to send insurance details to Bunnings.
- TL found a document stating that MAS's fundraising authority expired in 2013. JG to investigate.

4.10 WEBSITE, WEBSHOP, FORUM, FACEBOOK, PRIME FOCUS BLOG

- Website gallery is running but needs fine tuning.

4.11 CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail in -
- Mail out – nil

4.12 TECHNICAL ADVANCEMENT

- Nothing planned at this moment.

4.13 PUBLICITY

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

4.14 FUTURE OBSERVATORY AT DHARAWAL NATIONAL PARK.

- There will be no progress on this matter until the claim on the land has been settled.

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 9th May, 2016, at Mike's

7 CLOSE OF MEETING: 9:16pm