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

Held at  
33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2016 at 7.30pm  
Attending: SG, CMcV, MN, RC, HS, TL, and JG.

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES:** Meeting opened at 7:30pm. Apologies MN.

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** The details of the June meeting will be saved as a record as the June meeting did not reach a quorum.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Other business**

- Female astronomer panel. Waiting for a 4th member of the panel. Chaired by Geraint Lewis. Aug TBA

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report**

- Adoption of Treasurers Report. Proposed RC, seconded SG

**4.2 Membership**

- One new member: Ron Radziata.
- Current membership stands at 110 members, including 4 honorary and 2 associate members.

**4.3 Merchandise**

- May Merchandise Sales: \$28
- May Public Night Donations: \$81.90
- May Sydney Observatory Payments: \$70
- May Membership Renewal: \$70
- May Forum Donations: \$45.80
- June Public Night Donations: \$6.50
- June Merchandise Sales: \$61
- June Forum Donations: \$23.60

**4.4 General Business**

- Next forum speaker: Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith (CSIRO)
- MN circulated a survey from a member who is currently studying at University of South Australia for members of Macastro to participate in a survey/ questionnaire.
- Ed Kruzens confirmed 25 August 2016. A pamphlet will be distributed at the August forum notifying members and visitors.

#### **4.5 The Forest**

- Last: 1st - 2nd July, 2016 was a fantastic weekend.
- Next: 5-6th August, 2016.

#### **4.6 Stargard**

- Next: 9th July, 2016

#### **4.7 Public Outreach**

- Wedderburn Airport is looking at arranging another viewing night. This event will be scheduled for later in the year due to current commitments.
- An invitation from Bill Rickets to participate in an event being held at Coolamon was received by MAS. The committee decided that the society will be unable to attend the event due to other commitments.

#### **4.8 Members' Trips**

- UWS Penrith 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm. 11 members have confirmed their attendance.
- Sydney Observatory, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016. 31 attendees have paid their dues.
- Members will need to organise their own trip to Starfest at Coonabarabran as the MAS calendar is booked.
- MN will continue to rework the tours policy on recommendations of committee members.

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

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

- Chris Malikoff is working on the website to fix the Gallery and adjustment of time zones and include an honour roll and monthly meeting minutes. Roger Powell will add by-laws to the website.

##### **4.11 Correspondence**

- **Mail in** -
- **Mail out** – Form A12 to Dept. Fair Trading; Resubmission of fundraising form to Dept. Fair Trading; Media release for the month of July.

##### **4.12 Technical Advancement**

- Nothing planned at this moment.

##### **4.13 Publicity**

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

##### **4.14 Future Observatory at Dharwal National Park**

- TL presented a reworked proposal to the committee. The committee discussed the changes and made some recommendations TL will incorporate these suggestions and present a new to the NSWALC.

## **5 NEW BUSINESS**

**6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** 1st Aug at henry's.

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING: 21:15pm**