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

Held at
30 Kings Road, Ingleburn
Monday 1st of August 2016 at 7.30pm
Attending: SG, CM, MN, RC, HS, TL, and JG.

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Apologies MN, RC. Opened 730.

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Proposed JG, seconded CM. Note amendments

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Other business

- Female astronomer panel will be chaired by Geraint Lewis. Aug TBA

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report

- Adoption of Treasurers Report. See attached. Proposed RC, seconded TL

4.2 Membership

- No new members.
- Current membership: 111, including 4 honorary and 2 associate members.
- TL will talk to Camden library regarding telescope hires and turning them into members.
- CM suggested calling members who have not been present to meetings, to try re-engage their interest in MAS and astronomy.

4.3 Merchandise

- Merchandise Sales: Nil
- Forum Donations: \$29.25
- CM to work on a price list for merchandise.
- TL proposed changing the price of pens to 2 for \$5. \$5 for pen in a gift box. \$8.50 for mugs. Patches \$3. Committee members agreed.

4.4 General Business

- Next forum speaker: Dr Roberto Soria (ICRAR)
- Ed Kruzens confirmed 25 August 2016. A pamphlet will be distributed at the August forum notifying members and visitors.

4.5 The Forest

- Next: 5-6th August, 2016;

4.6 Stargard

- Last: 9th July, 2016 cancelled. 30th July 2016 cancelled.
- Next: 27th August, 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.
- Public outreach event organisation. TL proposed a link on the website to book MAS for public events given the recent spate of public night bookings and MAS being unable to attend a number of them.
- TL received a request from Rahmi from Broughton Anglican College to send a member to educate his physics students on amateur astronomy. TL suggested that the students attend the public nights in August and September, as we are fully booked.

4.8 Members' Trips

- MN will continue to rework the tours policy on recommendations of committee members.
- Lisa is coming back to us on MWA 2017.
- TL proposed a trip to China in 2019.

4.9 Fundraising

- JG to follow-up with DOFT regarding 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.
- HS emailed Chris Malikoff regarding the issues with the website but did not receive a response. TL will follow up.

4.11 Correspondence

- **Mail in** -
- **Mail out** – Media release for the month of August.

4.12 Technical Advancement

- Nothing planned at this moment.

4.13 Publicity

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

4.14 Future Observatory at Dharwal National Park

- TL submitted the reworked proposal on the 6th of July. TL has not heard from Troy Lancaster from NSWALC.

5 NEW BUSINESS

- TL proposed raising membership fees to cover the cost of mail and PayPal. Final figures will be discussed at the next meeting. TL to return next month on whether we could move our financial year to the proper financial year.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: At Carol's. 5th September.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING: Closed 923.