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

Held at
31 George Caley Place, Mt Annan.
Monday 5th of September 2016 at 7.30pm
Attending: SG, CM, MN, RC, HS, TL, and JG.

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: Opened 7:40pm.

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Proposed by JG, seconded by SG.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Other business

- Nil

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report - see attached

- Adoption of Treasurers Report proposed by RC, seconded by HS.

4.2 Membership

- No new members this month.
- Current membership: 111, including 4 honorary and 2 associate members.
- TL spoke to Camden library regarding telescope hires and turning them into members. Elysa is leaving and will be replaced by a new member, who will need to be trained with the telescopes. The committee agreed that the joining fee will be waived and Camden Library agreed to include a flyer with the scopes.

4.3 Merchandise

- Merchandise Sales:
- Forum Donations:
- CM agreed to provide an updated price list for merchandise at the next meeting.

4.4 General Business

- Next forum speaker: TBA. Gary da Costa has had to withdraw from the September forum.
- Female astronomer panel will be chaired by Geraint Lewis. Attendees will pose questions to the panel.

4.5 The Forest

- Last: 11th - 11th. Very good night with international house
- Next: 30th September - 1st October, 2016; will be open Sunday night as Monday is a public holiday.

4.6 Stargard

- Last: 27th August, 2016. Great night.
- Next: 24th September

4.7 Public Outreach

- Broughton Anglican College teacher and 9 students will join MAS at the next public night.
- TL has been in discussions with Campbelltown council regarding setting up Astronomical tourism in Campbelltown. More information to come.

4.8 Members' Trips

- MN circulated a new tours policy to the committee members.
- TL is in discussion with Lisa Harvey Smith regarding MWA 2017. Murchison council will not be holding Astrofest in 2017. TL contacted Lisa Harvey to arrange a different tour.
- 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 amended by-laws to the website.
- 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.
- Chris has put the minutes of the 2016 AGM Minutes online.

4.11 Correspondence

- **Mail in** - Nil
- **Mail out** – Nil

4.12 Technical Advancement

- Nothing planned at this moment.

4.13 Publicity

- Media release for the month of September has not been sent out since Gary da Costa had to withdraw from the September forum.

4.14 Future Observatory at Dharwal National Park

- The proposal from MAS has been submitted to the Dharawal LALC by Troy Lancaster of NSWALC

5 NEW BUSINESS

- SASI 2017 USA Total Solar Eclipse Trip flyer to be circulated

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: October 10th at Mike's.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING: 10pm