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**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of Management Committee Meeting**  
Held at  
33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park  
Monday 5 Dec 2016

**Meeting commenced 7.30pm**

**In Attendance:** Tony Law, Richard Curley, Henry Swierk, Carol McVeigh

**Apologies:** Jack Goralewski, Mike Nicholas, Stewart Grainger.

**1 OPENING OF MEETING.**

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES,** Dated 07 November 2016: Proposed Tony Law,  
Seconded Henry Swierk.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- 3.1** Tony Law advised that as we are now uploading the Management Committee minutes to the Macastro website prior to the next Forum, Merchandise sales receipts should be given to treasurer on the night of the Forum and then the consolidated accounts from Treasurer forwarded to the President on first of the following month.

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report**

**Report Tabled.**

- Adoption of Treasurers Report. Proposed Richard Curley, Seconded Tony Law.
- Discussion on whether to transfer more funds from current account to Term Deposit to attract more interest. Matter to be deferred to Feb 2017 meeting.

**4.2 Membership**

**Report Tabled**

- Current membership: 120, including 4 honorary and 3 associate members.
- Mike Nicholas submitted an attendance report ( via Tony Law ) to the meeting.
- Mike Nicholas advised Tony Law that having recently attended a meeting at Camden Council he identified opportunities for MACASTRO to communicate with the Camden Men's Shed and The Campbelltown Catholic Club. Tony Law will follow up.
- Discussion on whether membership fees for those members who have retired or are identified as pensioners should be discounted. Decision made for Pensioner Rate now to include Seniors Card Holders. New annual fees submitted. Will be circulated to all members shortly.
- The Constitution will need to be amended should the changes suggested be accepted. Will be put to members for comment at MACASTRO Forum in January

2017. A copy of the Constitution will be forwarded to all members at least four weeks prior to the January meeting.

#### **4.3 Merchandise**

#### **Report Tabled**

- Merchandise Sales: \$129.00
- Forum Donations: \$ 36.15
- A suggestion was put forward to offer place mats as an item for sale. The place mats would show photos taken by members. Not adopted at this meeting.

#### **4.4 General Meetings**

Next forum speakers will be students from Prairiewood High School

#### **4.5 The Forest**

Nov 25/26 – great night on Friday 25, cloudy the next night. We welcomed back Bryan Pablo on the Friday and new members Lawson Ung and Victor Vo on the Saturday night. The next scheduled is 30&31 December.

- **4.6 Stargard**

19 Nov Cancelled. A viewing night is scheduled for New Year's Eve. Members are invited to attend.

#### **4.7 Public Outreach**

- Members are invited to attend the Picton IlluminArt event (Susan Conroy) on 29 Apr 2017
- Members will be invited to attend **Astrofest SYD2017** Sat 01 July 2017
- Tony will be meeting with Ragbir Bhathal to discuss issues concerning our attendance at the Public Nights scheduled for 2017. ( ie WH&S concerns )

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

- Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith will advise when further information is available regarding the MWA 2017 visit.
- Should the MWA visit not eventuate we will advise if any other destination is appropriate ( ie Brisbane/Toowoomba )
- Tony Law will advise if any further information is available with regards the proposed visit to China in 2019.

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

- Still awaiting advise from DOFT with regards our fund raising request.
- We will be holding a fund raising BBW at Bunnings in 2017. Date to be advised.

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

- Chris Malikoff is continuing to work on the website to fix the Gallery and adjustment of time zones and include an honour roll.

#### **4.11 Correspondence**

- **Mail in** - Letter from Domain Registration Services for registration of Domain Name.

- **Mail out** – Media release for the month of December -Tony Law

#### **4.12 Publicity**

- Media release for the month of December has been sent out – Tony Law

#### **4.13 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- Still no response from NSWALC. Tony Law will advise when any further information is available.

#### **4.14 Cloud Free Nights**

- Tony Law has agreed with Robert Dahni for full access, 10 members @ \$150/year in total.

**5 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 9 Jan 2017, 31 George Caley Place Mt Annan**

**6 CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.25pm**

**MAS Treasury Report 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Richard Curley Treasurer MAS**

**Total Monies**

Term deposit Balance	\$ 21,000.00
Cash and Cheques on hand	
Merchandise Float	\$ 100.00
Membership Officer Float	\$ 50.00
Coffee Tea club Float	\$ 40.00
PayPal balance	\$ 200.91
Main Cheque Account	\$ 4,242.40
2nd Cheque Account	\$ 0.90

**Grand TOTAL** \$ 25,634.21

**Total Cash at Bank** \$ 25,243.30

**Unprocessed Cheques**

**Total Unprocessed Cheques** \$ -

**Liabilities - Total** \$ -