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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park

Monday 6th November 2017 at 7.30pm

Attending: Tony Law, Carol McVeigh, Henry Swierk, Stewart Grainger, Barry Moore, John Rombi

Apologies: Richard Curley

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: meeting opened at 7.30pm

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES for October 2017 Proposed by Tony
seconded by Henry **Accepted**

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

3.1 Broughton, Tahmoor and Bargo Schools to be contacted by Mike Nicholas, no response since "Event".

3.2 Marc Noakes to contact Mike Nicholas to arrange discussion on primary school's co-operation. This has been delayed to Jan 2018

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report: Richard Curley (Note Richard is an apology)

October Report from Richard Curley was tabled.

Proposed by Tony Seconded by Barry **Accepted**.

Approximately in \$4091.00 in bank accounts and cash in hand
\$21,000 in term deposit

4.2 Membership: Henry Swierk

New Members: Deborah Taylor (rejoined)

Current membership: 123 members in total.

4.3 Merchandise: Stewart Grainger

Merchandise Sales: from October forum

Cash \$ 75 Donations: \$ 28.30

Total \$ 103.80

2 orders for Jackets received.

4.4 General Business

4.4.1 This month's forum Nov 20 – Speaker is **Prof. Gary Da Costa "SkyMapper and the Search for the Milky Way's oldest stars"**

4.4.2 Next month's forum, Dec 11 - Forum, waiting on details from Prarieewood HS

4.4.3 Allan Williams has produced a flyer for consideration by committee. It was previously tabled and is under consideration. Ongoing item.

4.5 The Forest

Last: 20/21 October Good seeing for first part along with the 24 scouts from Balmoral scout unit that visited then cloudy.

Next: 17/18 Nov

4.6 Stargard

Last: 14 October

Next: 11 Nov

4.7 Public Outreach

4.7.1 Camden Library public night for 20 June 2018, also Photographers of the month New photos for displays are needed due to deterioration, submit to Tony Law ASAP June 1 deadline for printing.

4.7.2 National Science week 2018 (11-19 August) – proposing Monday 20 August as possible time for a “Public Event”. Possible special event in July as well at which we might be able to invite Ed Krusins. We need to raise \$3000 to run these events.

4.7.3 Broughton, Picton, Tahmoor Schools have shown interest in our group for ongoing outreach events.

4.7.4 Carnes Hill Library (Jessica Bruce) Requesting assistance for an event 12 April 2018. A couple of people for 1.5 - 2 hrs.

4.8 Members’ Trips

4.8.1 China 2019 costs and details to be determined. Ongoing item.

4.8.2 JPL July 2019 visit to coincide with 50 years since moon landing as possible trip. Ongoing item. Estimate \$4000 each needed. Will promote and ask interested members to start saving in our “trip” bank account

4.8.3 Proposed 2020 Space X rocket launch in California is to be considered. Ongoing item

4.8.4 02 Jul 2019 total solar eclipse in South America (and Chile) suggested trip.
<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/solar/2019-july-2>

4.8.5 Parkes visit. John Sarkissian from Parkes observatory has suggested a Macastro trip in 2018. Ongoing item for discussion. Request for members that are willing to organise.

Tony Law to request members feedback on these suggestions

4.9 Fundraising

Bunnings fundraiser will be a BBQ on Saturday 24 Feb 2018. Raffle to be held. Prizes, 1st Telescope (from Carol McVeigh); 2nd Astronomy 2018; 3rd OneGiantLeap Goodies

4.10 Website, Facebook

Any errors noticed? Please pass on to Roger Powell for attention.

Issues with non-receipt of the Newsletter and PM's showed major problem was in set up of members email spam/junk settings. Will be retested with the upcoming Newsletter

4.11 Publicity – Barry Moore

4.11.1 Publicity for next forum (Nov 20th) has been sent to papers (Advertiser and Chronicle) and local members.

4.11.2 Secretary will forward minutes as soon as they are approved by committee to Roger (webmaster) for member's perusal. On going item

4.12 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

4.12.1 The committee has had no progress about a future observatory at Dharawal. On Going item.

4.13 Correspondence received.

None noted. Barry to obtain PO BOX key from Richard ASAP

4.14 Succession planning – all committee members are to look at a shadow person to assist in their absence. Tony (President) and Richard (Treasurer) have indicated they will not be standing at the 2018 AGM. Tony is stepping down as President and has indicated he wishes to continue on the committee. None of the current committee members are willing to take that role at that point in time either. Barry (secretary) has two significant other personal interest roles and is also considering stepping down at the 2018 AGM.

Tony to bring up in Newsletters and meetings.

4.15 Working With Children Check

Members dealing with public and potentially children must provide a WWCC number. This will be kept on file with the membership officer. Link to obtain this FREE check is

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

Once your check is complete forward the email to Henry Swierk.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 04 December 2017, 7.30pm at Carol's place. 31 George Caley Place, Mt Annan

7. CLOSE OF MEETING 8.42pm

Minutes Taken By Barry Moore 6 November 2017

Written by Secretary – Barry Moore (9 Nov 2017- amended 4 Dec 2017)

Approved by President – Tony Law (4 Dec 2017)