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**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held at 31 George Caley Place, Mt Annan  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm  
Attending: Tony Law, Carol McVeigh, Henry Swierk, Stewart Grainger, Barry Moore, John Rombi, Richard Curley, Mike Nicholas

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

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES for November 2017** Proposed by Barry Moore

seconded by Richard Curley

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3.1 Ammendment to item 4.3 of Nov 2017 minutes. This item should read...**

Cash \$75, Donations \$ 28.30, Total \$103.30

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

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

3.4 We received an invite from Marc Noakes to attend the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) EXPO meeting for June 26<sup>th</sup> 2018. We are in discussion with other groups with respect to this invite.

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report:** Richard Curley

**November Report from** Richard Curley was tabled

Proposed by Richard Curley Seconded by Tony Law

Approximately in \$3590 in bank accounts and cash in hand

\$21,000 in term deposit

The "Primary user for Paypal account" documentation lodging is in progress.

**4.2 Membership:** Henry Swierk

New Members: 2 (Richard Cox and Theresa Ee, Family Membership)

Current membership: 125 members in total.

Caitlin Manganaro, Macarthur Heights Community Development Facilitator, submitted a request for Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative to become a member of MAS.

The Committee reviewed the request and decided to grant Caitlin Manganaro an Associate Membership, as MAS has no membership category at an institution/corporate level.

**4.3 Merchandise:** Stewart Grainger

Merchandise Sales \$280:

from November forum Cash \$ 255, Cheque\$ 25 ,Donations: \$ 25

## **Total \$ 305**

**4.3.1** Red light torches have been purchased for evaluation by Tony Law

**4.3.2** 21 X "2018 astronomy" books are on order.

## **4.4 General Business**

**4.4.1** This month's forum Dec 11 - Forum, student presentation from Prairiewood HS

**4.4.2** Next month forum is Jan 15, 2018 Marnie Ogg, Light pollution and observation parks.

**4.4.3** Allan Williams has produced a flyer for consideration by committee. It was previously tabled and is under consideration. Carol will distribute electronic copies to committee  
Ongoing item.

## **4.5 The Forest**

Last: 17/18 Nov Did not run

Next: 15/16 Dec

## **4.6 Stargard**

Last: 11 Nov Did not run

Next 9 Dec

## **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 Kruzins. We need to raise \$3000 to run these events. On Going item.

**4.7.3** Carnes Hill Library (Jessica Bruce) Requesting assistance for an event 12 April 2018. They need a couple of people for 1.5 - 2 hrs.

**4.7.4** Rebecca Hay, 1st Camden Scouts has requested a visit for 30 scouts Term 1 2018 at the Oaks on a Thursday night if possible

**4.7.5** MDSI (Caitlin Manganaro Macarthur Heights Community Development Facilitator – Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative) sent an email requesting joint events:- 20 Jan (Natural environment and sustainability day – Need a solar telescope) and also they can run a music, activities and sausage sizzle at the DOMES events on 28April, 26 May, 21 July and 15 Sept 2018. They are also looking into a public toilet being left open behind the sales office.

## **4.8 Members' Trips**

**4.8.1** China 2019 costs and details to be determined. John Rombi to find out location of telescopes we can visit in China. Ongoing item.

**4.8.2** JPL July 2021 Estimate \$4000 each needed. Will promote and ask interested members to start saving in our "trip" bank account. Could be combined with a Space X launch.

**4.8.3** Parkes visit. John Sarkissian from Parkes observatory has suggested a Macastro trip in 2018. Pass on to Dave Manning to organise. On Going Item.

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

Bunnings fundraiser will be a BBQ on Saturday 24 Feb 2018. Raffle to be held. Prizes, 1st Telescope (from Carol McVeigh); 2<sup>nd</sup> Astronomy 2018; 3<sup>rd</sup> OneGiantLeap Goodies  
Draft members roster will be circulated at next Forum. Key members will need to be trained by Bunnings for the BBQ usage and compliance with Health and Safety.

#### **4.10 Website, Facebook**

Any errors noticed? Please pass on to Roger Powell for attention.  
Newsletter will now be placed on the website and emailed from Tony directly. Peer messaging (PM) system will be abandoned.

#### **4.11 Publicity – Barry Moore**

4.11.1 Publicity for next forum (Dec 4<sup>th</sup>) has been delayed but was sent to advertiser Monday night after the committee meeting.  
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 Correspondence received.**

4.12.1 Email from MDSI (Caitlin Manganaro Macarthur Heights Community Development Facilitator – Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative)  
4.12.2 Thank you note from Sea Scouts  
4.12.3 Parcel of 20 brochures from TASCOS sales

Secretary's Note: the two items below arrived after the minutes were initially written but are included for convenience.

4.12.4 Application to change name of key holder for the PO BOX – with Barry Moore to Complete and Lodge. (Done 9/12/2017)  
4.12.5 Twenty-one (21) copies of Astronomy 2018 from Quasar publishing (picked up 9/12/2017)

**4.13 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.

All Committee members to canvas and suggest two possible names for the next President in 2018 by next meeting.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** 8 Jan 2018 at Mike Nicholas's place Honeysuckle place Cobbity (Kirkham Village)

#### **7. CLOSE OF MEETING 9:48**

**Minutes Taken By Barry Moore 4 December 2017**  
**Written by Secretary – Barry Moore ( 9 Dec 2017)**