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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 9 Herborn Place Minto 2566

Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Mike Nicholas

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

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES for December 2017 Proposed by Barry Moore
seconded by Richard Curley

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report: Richard Curley

December Report from Richard Curley was tabled

Proposed by Richard Curley Seconded by Tony Law

Approximately in \$ 3800 in bank accounts and cash in hand

\$21,000 in term deposit

The "Primary user for Paypal account" has been frozen due to paperwork issues. Identity "points" need to be forwarded to Richard so he can send them to Paypal. Attention of Stewart and Richard.

Refund cheque for \$27 associate membership to be sent to Jackie Slaviero.

4.2 Membership: Henry Swierk

New Members: Jackie Slaviero (associate membership for "One Giant Leap")

Current membership: 127 members in total.

Craig Elsom application just received

Renewals for 2018 will be sent soon. No changes to membership costs

4.3 Merchandise: Stewart Grainger

Merchandise Sales

Cash \$100 EFT \$30 Donations \$19.50

Total \$ 149.50

4.3.1 Red light torches have been purchased for evaluation by Tony Law. Not arrived yet

4.3.2 21 X "2018 astronomy" books have arrived and been issued. Five more astronomy 2018 are required and on order.

4.3.3 A red dot pointer has been ordered for our donated SC Telescope.

4.4 General Business

- 4.4.1 This month's forum is Jan 15, 2018 Marnie Ogg, Title is "PLANETARY ILLUMINATIONS", discussing light pollution mitigation and Dark Sky Parks
- 4.4.2 Next months forum Feb 19 Maria Cunningham (UNSW)
- 4.4.3 Allen Williams has produced a flyer for consideration by committee. It was previously tabled Carol has distributed electronic copies for comment and modifications. Committee was in agreement for the concept. Committee to check and send Carol any possible required changes.

4.5 The Forest

Last: 15/16 Dec – Cloudy Nights

Next: 12/13 Jan

4.6 Stargard

Last: 9 Dec – Cancelled due to cloud

Next : 20 Jan

4.7 Public Outreach

4.7.1 Total Lunar eclipse Jan 31 from 8.00pm (totality best at 00:30 1 feb) proposal for telescopes and other observing. Seven people are willing to assist. Tony will seek a possible venue at Macarthur Heights "Star park". Barry to seek a possible alternative with Menangle Steam Museum

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

4.7.3 Rebecca Hay, 1st Camden Scouts has requested a visit for 30 scouts. Date advised and approved is 7.30pm March 1st at The Oaks on a (Thursday night).

4.7.4 MDSI (Caitlin Manganaro Macarthur Heights Community Development Facilitator – Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative) sent an email requesting joint 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. On Going.

4.7.5 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 by June 1 deadline for printing. Chris Malikoff to be approached to see if he can print and what his cost would be to do this. Border to be simpler than previous photos. Members to submit photographs ASAP.

4.7.6 We received an invite from Marc Noakes to attend the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) EXPO meeting for June 26th 2018. Discussion based on email to Macastro. Broughton Anglican College has expressed an interest for assistance in a astrophotography project with a student. Mike Nicholas will pursue Bargo, Picton and Tahmoor schools through Marc Oakes.

4.7.7 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. Jai Rowell has been contacted for an appointment re funding.

4.8 Members' Trips

4.8.1 Parkes visit. John Sarkissian from Parkes observatory has suggested a Macastro trip in 2018. Dave Manning asked to organise. On going item.

4.8.2 China April 2019: Costs and details to be determined. Tony Law has offered to organise. Roberto Soria has offered to be our in house contact at the Chinese observatories.

4.8.3 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. 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); 2nd Astronomy 2018; 3rd 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. On going item

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 as there is a problem with BULK emailing from website.

4.11 Publicity – Barry Moore

4.11.1 Publicity for next forum (Jan 15th) has been sent to Advertiser and Chronicle "whats on" pages.

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

4.11.3 Mail box was has been checked each week – no mail has been received in the mail box.

4.12 Correspondence received. Nil

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. A few possible candidates have been discussed.
All Committee members to talk to possible members about committee. On going item.

5. NEW BUSINESS - nil

6. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Mon 5 Feb 2018 at Henry's 30 King Rd, Ingleburn

7. CLOSE OF MEETING 9:31pm

Minutes Taken By Barry Moore 8 Jan 2018

Written by Secretary – Barry Moore 8/1/2018