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## MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at John's Place EagleVale

Monday Mon 4th<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 at 7.30pm

**Committee Attending:** Tony Law (President), Barry Moore (Secretary), Andy Milton (Treasurer), Henry Swierk (Membership Officer), John Rombi (Committee member1), Greg Bradford (Committee Member2)

**Apologies:** Ray Armstrong (Vice President), Mike Nicholas (Schools Liaison), Noel Sharp (Liaison Member to Wollondilly Council), Brendon Waterhouse (Merchandising)

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

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** for January committee meeting held 4/01/2019 Proposed by Barry Moore seconded by Andy Milton. Passed.

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

none

### **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 Treasurer's Report:** Andy Milton

The Society Account balance as at 31 January was \$10124.62. There is one cheque of note to be presented as follows: refund to Barry and Sue Moore for overpayment of China Trip. \$998.22 leaving a net balance of \$9126.40

The number 2 Account balance of \$895.18 represents payments in advance for our trip to China plus a small amount of interest that has been credited.

The Paypal account has a balance of \$185.85

New paypal machine still being looked into.

Possible funding source for 2019 are Bunning 2<sup>nd</sup> March \$1000, ABG \$3000, Camden Council \$2000 (an estimated \$9000 is needed for "A Big Event").

Report proposed by Andy Milton, seconded by John Rombi, Passed

#### **4.2 Membership:** Henry Swierk

New Member - Eric Brown

New members - 1 in total.

Membership at the end of January: 151 members in total including 6 Hon. 3 Assoc.

Zixuan Rong has applied to join - no payment yet

21 members have renewed so far for 2019, Annual dues email has been sent.

Henry showed new membership card options to the committee.

Henry reports 96 members have not renewed their passwords. Committee reminds the Members they need to access the website and change their password.

Moved by Henry Seconded by Andy Passed

#### 4.3 Merchandise: (reported by Tony for Brendon Waterhouse via email)

Donations Jan Forum \$21.50

Jan Sales \$30.00

#### **Total Monetary transactions by Merchandising.**

Initial Balance April 2018 \$ 96

Cash Allotted from Sales Donations \$19

Cash awaiting Allotment \$51.50

Total Cash Held by Merchandiser \$166.50

Total cash till (COH) \$115.00

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Banner has arrived. Both Banners are stored with Barry

Order form now on the website and in use

To purchase 10 red torches

A pdf spreadsheet (05 Feb 2019) from Brendan was emailed to the committee

President and treasurer have discussed the new order quantities and further items to be written off.

Report moved by Tony Law, seconded by Andy Milton

#### 4.4 Speakers

This month's forum 18th Feb 2019 Charley Lineweaver

Next month's : 18th Mar 2019 Dr Angel R. Lopez Sanchez (Macq Uni)

Full list of future presenters is listed below

15th Apr 2019 AGM - Guest speaker Tara Murphy

20th May 2019 Dr Emil Lenc (ASKAP)

17th Jun 2019 Les Dalrymple

15th Jul 2019 Robert Brand (Moon Landing and Space)

19th Aug 2019 Dr Lee Spitler (Mac Uni + AAO) Huntsman Dome

16th Sep 2019 Marnie Ogg - Dark Skies, Light Pollution

21st Oct 2019 Prof. Geraint Lewis (USYD) Cosmology

18th Nov 2019 Dr Brad Tucker (ANU)

9th Dec 2019 Schools Night

#### 4.5 General Business

4.5.1 Possible telescope viewing area at Katoomba Airfield as a dark site. Members are to contact Alexander Massey to visit and inspect airfield. On Going item

4.5.2 We have a loan set of Binoculars now and 4 loan Telescopes. The loan scopes are to be returned for loan during the mentorship period with the school students. 5 Mobile phone holders for the loan telescopes are being looked into. On going item

4.5.3 Camden library (Oran park) wishes to hold Stargazing event on Thurs July 11, 2019. More pictures will need to be printed for this event. Members are asked to please donate pictures. *On Going*

4.5.4 Growing Our Club - on going (see also Succession planning)

#### 4.5.5 The Dudley Chesham redevelopment

Nothing to report - on going

## 4.6 Regular Viewing

### 4.6.1 Stargard 26 Jan Good, 1 Feb poor viewing

**The Forest** : 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb very poor viewing – the forest now has power reconnected.

Check website for next viewing dates.

### 4.7 Public Outreach – dates are set for 2019. See Calendar sent to members.

Tony is in discussion with Australian Botanic Gardens with regard to “Stars over the Gardens” an event over 2 nights. On Going

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15th March Picnic under the Stars ABG

15 April domes and IAU event

10th may star over the gardens ABG (Australian Botanic Gardens)

**4.7.2 pSTEM Report** Mike Nicolas report sent a report and Tony reported on his behalf. Importantly a mentors meeting will be held on Feb 25 for all those involved in last year’s mentorship program.

**4.7.3 Sun July 21 Afternoon 12:56pm, 50 years anniversary of the moon landing - Report by Greg...** Art Gallery cannot put this on. **WSU** is our best choice.

Sunday 21 July 2019 “THE DISH” moon landing STEM event - ideas discussed are

One Giant Leap has 7 NASA/JPL specialists available for workshops – need more than 180 seats – looking to Western Sydney Uni for a lecture theatre and/or lecture rooms (344 large lecture capacity – 199 smaller lecture theatre)

replay of the Movie of The Dish and Workshops/Lecture and costing approvals

Campbelltown Library will assist with posters printing and image printing

Campbelltown Library also wants to runs a public observing night at their library.

Also in discussion Casula Power House regarding a night event 20/7/2019 (photo exhibition is considered and a public night is possible).

## 4.8 Members’ Trips

**4.8.1 China 15 May to 29 May 2019**, 13 nights, 14 days: Approx Cost \$4000 inc airfare. Itinerary has been determined. Tony Law is organising. Roberto Soria is our in-house contact at the Chinese observatories. China Odyssey tours are possible tour leaders, Breakfast and lunches are included. 17 people are going. Itinerary is done and passed on to Roberto. Majority of the moneys has been paid. On going

**4.8.2 JPL July 2021** Estimate \$4000 needs to be increased. Will promote and ask interested members to start saving in our “trip” bank account. Could be combined with a Space X launch. *On Going*

## 4.9 Fundraising

Bunnings BBQ date 2 March. Members to be contacted and roster put together

#### **4.10 Website, Facebook** – all up to date

All members have been asked to reset their passwords.

#### **4.11 Publicity and Secretary** report Barry Moore

**4.11.1** Publicity for the next forum Feb 18 been sent to Advertiser and Chronicle

**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 has been checked each week – bank statement received

##### **4.11.4 Attendance – January Forum**

as per sign-on book: 37 members, 8 Non-members; total 45.

#### **4.12 Correspondence**

**received.** – Nothing of significance (except usual Bank statement and advertisements) received directly to secretary.

**sent** – nil

**4.13 Succession planning** – Tony distributed nominations forms to committee members to consider and return at next committee meeting. President and Vice President have no nominations at this point.

**4.14 “2019 Calendar dates”.** Observing dates are available on the website. No further issues known. *On going*

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS arising at the Meeting**

Form video release was tabled – deferred until Mike is present.

#### **6. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

7.30pm Mon Mar 4th, 2018 at Greg's place , 4 Glenavon Place Glen Alpine

#### **7. CLOSE OF MEETING 9.54pm 4/2/19**

Written by Secretary, Barry Moore on 4/2/19 edited 25/2/19

Approved by Tony Law Date 4 March 2019

