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## MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MINUTES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Durham Green Retirement Village, 153 Menangle Road, Menangle.  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 at 7.30pm

**Committee Attending:** Allan Hobbs(President), Greg Bradford (Committee Member), Phil Kidd (Committee member), Andy Milton (Treasurer), Henry Swierk (Membership Officer), Barry Moore (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Brendon Waterhouse (Merchandising), John Rombi (Vice President)

**1. OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES:** meeting opened at 7.35 pm

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** for September committee meeting held 2/9/2019 Proposed by Barry seconded by Allan Passed.

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

Sept 2019 minutes Item 4.4 – Attendance at our public outreach events and Forum’s will now say “ Free – Gold coin donation appreciated”

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4.1 Treasurer’s Report:** Andy Milton

Macastro Financial report and Bank Statement transactions for September 2019.

The Society Bank Account balance as at 30 Sept was \$13643.17

The Society Investment Account \$21000

The society Paypal account was \$171.48

Cash to be banked \$ 110

The Number 2 Account (China) has a residual amount of \$3.64 representing sundry interest payments

Outstanding payment to be made:

Forest payments to Tony for Aug and Sept

There a number of receipts due to Macastro:

Australian Botanic Gardens – \$1000 new invoice template created and sent 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 6/8/2019 but it was missing information (An ABG provider number and change of Business Name).

**Action** Allan/Andy to edit and then send modified Invoice to ABG

Report proposed by Andy, seconded by Greg

**4.2 Membership:** Henry Swierk

1 new member since last report. Jessica Harter. Mark Sellars has renewed.

Membership at the end of Sept: (137) members in total including 6 Hon. 3 Assoc.

4.2.1 New 20 year badges have arrived. Invoice has been paid

4.2.2 Wikipedia, Bintel have incorrect names/Information for MAS, but both have now been fixed.

4.2.3 30 members have working with children checks which are current

Moved by Henry Seconded by Allan Passed

#### 4.3 Merchandise: (reported by email from Brendon Waterhouse)

Total Monetary transactions by Merchandising. -

Initial Cash Balance April 2018	\$96.00
Cash Allotted from Sales or Donations into COH \$27.90	
Cash awaiting Allotment	\$317.50
Total Cash Held by Merchandiser	\$441.40
Total cash till - Cash On Hand - (COH)	\$123.90

#### Notes

- 1 - 50 Year Event entries , Poster sales - has there been any since last committee meeting? NO remove from stock
- 2 - New stock items. - 12 Caps, 4 Beanies. Also waiting for cheque to pay Pan Sports for jackets, offered to MAS at a special price.
- 3 - Astro 2020. Currently stands at 12 for order

Report moved by Allan , seconded by Henry Passed

#### 4.4 Forum Speakers

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

Next Month 18th Nov 2019                      Dr Brad Tucker (ANU)

Full list of future presenters is listed below

9th Dec 2019	Fifth Annual Students Night
Early 2020	Dr Jessie Christiansen TES - NASA
18 May 2020	Dr Luke Barnes

#### 4.5 General Business

4.5.1 The Dudley Chesham redevelopment -- on going

4.5.2 "What we do" or "About Us" - Allan Hobbs - pamphlets - on going

4.5.3 Andy to create a Members attendance record at observing nights and also Public outreach night. On going

4.5.4 Request for "Services & Support document Form". Finished and on website

4.5.5 Calendar for 2020 - required ASAP - Action John and possibly Tony to draw up.

Date for Public Outreach. Allan raised the question why just 4 public outreach. He said we need more dates in reserve for when the events are clouded out or too windy and wet. His suggestion is to aim for six nights each year. usually at 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of moon.

Forest is set as close as possible for new moon and Stargard for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

4.5.6 Request to attend Astrofest. see email below requesting information. This Might clash with Public outreach night in June

*Any feedback for date **Saturday 27 June 2020 for Astrofest?***

*Kind regards, **Cassandra Chester** | Public Programs Officer*

**The University of Sydney**

*Faculty of Science, Partner Engagement and Outreach*

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**Action** Allan is to ring an discuss

4.5.7 Camden Library email see below.

*Subject: Telescope collection at Camden Libraries*

*Date: Fri, 20 Sep 2019 01:32:43 +0000*

*From: Sarah Bate <Sarah.Bate@camden.nsw.gov.au>*

*To: contact@macastro.org.au <contact@macastro.org.au>*

*Good morning, My name is Sarah, and I have taken over the administration of Narellan Librarys telescope collection.*

*I was given John Rhombi's name as a contact from MAS who helps our library maintain the telescope collection. I know that this is a volunteer role, so I was wondering if he was still the best contact? I have tried emailing; however he may be on holiday, working, sick or no longer at the same email address? I kind of hope hes on holiday 😊*

*The library was thinking about going through the collection and looking at what is missing, needing repairs and the useability of the telescopes as they are now a few years old. Basically, an audit. If John is no longer the best contact, is there perhaps someone else within MAS who would be interested in helping with this sometime in the future?*

*Kind regards, Sarah Bate Library Programs Officer 70 Central Avenue, Oran Park, 2570 PO Box 183, Camden NSW 2570 (02) 4645 5650 [Sarah.Bate@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Bate@camden.nsw.gov.au)*

Action Allan and to discuss action required before next Forum meeting.

4.5.8 email from Punchbowl Boys High School

*To Whom it May Concern, Good Morning,*

*I am the Head Teacher of Science at Punchbowl Boys High School.*

*I was wondering if it would be possible for your club to conduct a stargazing night event at our school during National Science Week from 10-18 August?*

*Is it a good time for viewing the night sky in regards to moon and planet sightings?*

*Please let me know asap if you are able to come to our school during this week, if not, is there another time possible for the club to come to our school.*

*I can be contacted on 0424 998 738*

*Thank you. Kind Regards, Intessar Tlais Head Teacher Science*

*Punchbowl Boys' High School, Kelly Street Punchbowl 2196 P:(02) 9708 6122 F:(02) 9796 7921*

**Action-** Committee said this activity is Not going to be possible – Allan will ring and advise.

4.5.9 Donation to Dark Sky Alliance of \$500

It was moved that we send a donation of \$500 to Dark Sky Alliance.

Moved by Allan, Seconded Greg, Passed

4.5.10 Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Durham Village Private Outreach night - Help needed from all members. BBQ and Telescopes – DVD magnitude pictures to be found for a slide show. Remaining Posters from Apollo night are required. Resident and staff are attended. A member needs to give a talk as well. (note this date coincides with Fishers Ghost Festival parade Day BM)

4.5.11 Public holiday executive meetings will in future be on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month as planned.

## 4.6 Regular Viewing

4.6.1 Stargard – 21 Sep ok viewing, 28<sup>th</sup> Bit Dewy

**Future dates.**, 19 Oct, 21 Nov, 21 Dec.

4.6.2 The Forest 27/28/29 Sep. Bit dewy

**Future dates.**, 25/26/27 Oct, 29/30 Nov + 1 Dec, 27/28/29 Dec.

**4.7 Public Outreach** – current dates that are set for 2019. See website Calendar for confirmation close to date

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Ingleburn High school** - Barry ran a 1 hour telescope and day moon observation.

**7<sup>th</sup> Sept Sat** - Public Stargazing #3 at the Domes - cancelled due to weather

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** - Bringelly Public School - outreach went well

**5<sup>th</sup> Oct Sat** - Public Stargazing #4 at the Domes – tried to run but very cloudy

**4.7.1 Mentoring.** St Benedict's (Junior High School) and Picton High School. Due to poor school administration and lack of commitment the program was wound up for this year.

## **4.8 Members' Trips**

### **4.8.1 JPL May 2021**

**Action** Tony Law is authorised to proceed with planning for this event as an official MAS trip.

## **4.9 Fundraising**

4.9.1 Members have been asked to consider donations of their Bottles and Cans at recycling depots – three month duration in total. A Report needs to be added to Newsletter.

4.9.2 Inspiring Australia – STEM grant, Committee felt that we need to plan for the following year and develop ideas as there is insufficient time to write and find a project team for this.

**4.10 Website, Facebook** – Chris is working on this, On going

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

**4.11.1** Publicity for the next forum Oct 21<sup>st</sup> and Public Outreach Oct 5<sup>th</sup> sent to Advertiser and Chronicle.

**4.11.2** Mail box has been checked each week – nothing to report – 2<sup>nd</sup> key is with Andy

**4.11.4 Attendance – September Forum**

as per sign-on book: 38 members, 2 Non-members; total 40 ( book is with Andy numbers needed)

## **4.12 Correspondence**

**Received.** The three email requiring attention are in General Business

**Sent.** Nothing to Report

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

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

7.30pm Mon November 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Allan Hobbs residence, Durham Green Retirement Village, 153 Menangle Road, Menangle.

## **7. CLOSE OF MEETING 9.03pm**

Typed by Barry on 7 Oct edited 15 Oct 2019, 1/11/19

Approved by Alan Hobbs Date 4/11/19

