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**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held at 206 Ellis Lane, Camden
Monday 04 February 2013 at 7.30pm
Attending: CM, TL, BM and SG.

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES – Meeting opened at 7,43pm, apologies LW, HS

2 MINUTES of meeting held 03 December, 2012 were adopted.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 No new business from the meeting of 3 December, 2012.

3.2 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- Awaiting information from Crown Lands, Stephen Fenn.
- RP and TL to seek local politicians and NP and Wildlife confirm the site will remain Crown Land; Wollondilly and Wedderburn fire services may then attend the area in event of a fire; they do not attend an NPW site.
- The site shall require a separate water tank to support the fire services.

3.3 Invitations from Other Societies – CM to talk to Frank Lauterbach

3.4 Meeting catering: Volunteer for 2013 – Penny for February

3.5 Children's Booklet: CM further discussions and look at an A3 flyer for us.

3.6 Sister Societies: CM to place a link on MAS web site to the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa (ASSA) following their approach.

3.7 INSPIRE program – TL to follow up with John Rombi regarding Fred Watson

3.8 Any other business: none

4 REGULAR BUSINESS.

4.1 Treasurer's Report accepted.

	\$
Bank account	3,349.99
Petty cash	74.00
Term deposit	12,000.00
Refreshments float	40.00
Merchandise float	100.00
Pay Pal	<u>208.75</u>
	<u>15,772.74</u>

Addendum to minutes: Following this meeting Graeme Bellamy has accepted the role of auditor of the accounts.

4.2 Membership

- New membership applications – Angela Kaiser and Mark Johnston approved.
- Current membership is 99 members and 3 honorary.
- Membership renewals will be sent out early January and due 1 March,

4.3 Merchandise

- New sales \$43. Stocks are down and replaced only by new orders from members as received. taken from or a few Shirts. We will advise members when we are about to re-order stock to avoid overstocking.
- Foldable Banner – CM to design layout.

4.4 General Meetings

- Speaker for February – Mike Salway confirmed.
- Speaker requirements and vacancies for 2013 – 11 meetings and 9 speakers, update from John Rombi

4.5 The Forest

- Next event is 8-10 February – TL to liaise with Ned Pastor for keys.

4.7 Public outreach

- Tharawal Land Council – TL to contact new CEO.

4.8 Members' Trips

- Hawaii arrangements almost completed – waiting on Gemini to notify their visit schedule.
- Tidbinbilla – MN to liaise with CAAA for joint observer night in April/May with a Tidbinbilla visit next day.

4.9 Fundraising

- Defer applying for a financial grant until Dharawal site is finalised.
- TL to contact Bunnings to conduct a sausage sizzle again in March/April

4.10 Technical advancement, Website, Web shop, Forum, Facebook, Prime Focus Blog

- CM plans to finalise new website within three weeks and shall incorporate Web Shop and a shopping cart function
- Facebook is now read by the public.

4.11 Technical Advancement.

- Globe Marathon training sessions deferred until Winter.

4.12 Publicity – TL to issue a media release; CM to pass media contacts to TL.

5 NEW BUSINESS

- MallinCam Extreme – TL to practise with cam this weekend at the Forrest, subject to favourable weather.
- The potential for a Churchill Fellowship grant for overseas research on the development, ongoing conduct and promotion to support the Dharawal project were noted for further consideration when the project advances.
- Also discussed and noted is the potential service demand of the Dharawal project from overseas visitors from the Northern Hemisphere to Sydney to view the Southern Cross and the Magellanic Clouds at a telescope; a potential alliance with the Sydney Observatory to market the service was discussed. CM to check that the Observatory scope is a visual device.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – 4th March 2013 at TL's home.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING – 10.30pm

Chris Mallikoff, President



Tony Law, 04 Feb 2013



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Term deposit	\$12,000.00
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Unused cheque's as per statement on next page



MAS Treasury Report 2ND Mar 2013

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