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

Held at 33Hickson Ct,  
Monday 04 March 2013 at 7.43pm  
Attending: CM, TL, BM, SG and HS.

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES** – Meeting opened at 7,43pm, no apologies.

**2 MINUTES** of meeting held 04 February, 2013 were adopted.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- Stephen Fenn of Crown Lands has emailed the site shall be Crown Land and to seek confirmation of this from the local politicians.
- TL, MJ and RP shall seek local confirmation of this in writing from Jai Rowell, the State Member, at their scheduled 7 March meeting.
- Members shall be notified in writing of the Crown Land status when it is confirmed.
- Mayor of Wollondilly Council and Manager Infrastructure advised the need of a development application to Council to TL in view if Crown Land status of the site.
- Michael Jupe (MJ) replaces RP on this sub committee.

**3.2 Invitations from Other Societies**

Requests are received from two organisations for 18 May:

- Liverpool Girl Guides at Austral - CM,SG will assist and the support of up to six more members shall be sought by the Chairman;
- Macquarie Uni – TL and HS shall attend and this is sufficient support.

**3.3 Children's Booklet.** SG will now prepare some ideas for this.

**3.4 Sister Societies:** Deferred.

**3.5 INSPIRE program** – moved to item 4.7

**3.6 Any other business:** none

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report** accepted.

**Current Funds**

Term deposit	\$12,000.00
Cheque account	\$3,607.77
Petty Cash float	\$0.00
Paypal account	\$159.88
Refreshment float	\$40.00
Merchandise float	\$100.00

FINAL BALANCE \$15,907.65

## **4.2 Membership**

- No new membership applications received.
- Current membership is unchanged at 99 members and 3 honorary members.
- Membership renewals are due 1 March.
- Members shall receive a complimentary night at The Forest on their forthcoming, renewed membership cards, there shall be no extra cost to the club and a process to manage this was agreed; the object is to stimulate attendance at the site and the benefit of membership.
- TL shall review the development of a presentation pack for new members.

## **4.3 Merchandise**

- New sales are \$88 and \$10 in donations.
- CM at the April general meeting shall invite orders from members for jackets and beanies which shall then be placed with the supplier.
- The design of a club sticker was discussed, SG will consult a printer on the supply of club stickers and report to the Committee.
- Foldable Banner – pending with CM.

## **4.4 General Meetings**

- Speaker for March – TL and SG shall seek a speaker.
- One vacancy remains for a speaker in 2013 with 2 speakers available– to be resolved.
  - Brian Schmidt in 2012 had committed to address our meeting in 2013 with a date constantly sought since then; recently the UWS Provost formerly asked MAS make an active contribution to the forthcoming 25 Year anniversary celebration of UWS Macarthur. TL shall follow up both requests to ensure they are co-ordinated.

## **4.5 The Forest**

- Due to poor weather no event was held on 8-10 February – TL shall manage the arrangement for the next event on 8-9 March.

## **4.6 Stargard**

Next event is 16 March.

## **4.7 Public Outreach**

- Inspire Program by Mandy Perrin at Chronicle Newspaper – Prof Fred Watson has been asked to contribute but has not replied, BM to follow up.
- Tharawal Land Council – TL to contact Greg Bondar, former CEO, for a suitable name to contact at the Council.

## **4.8 Members' Trips**

- Hawaii arrangements are very advanced – the participants shall be briefed on 16 March - Gemini will not be available due to extended construction.
- Canberra – arrangements are confirmed: Stromlo visit and Night Sky Viewing with CAAA (CBR Astro Society) and visit to Tidbinbilla on Sunday morning. Hotel prices are being sought. MN to draft an invitation to members to attend.

## **4.9 Fundraising**

- CM, TL shall meet with the UWS Provost over a recent proposal by UWS to fund MAS.
- TL, SG shall organise the food supply for a Bunning's sausage sizzle on 27 April and call for help from 12-14 members with the operation.

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

- CM plans to finalise the new website in late April/early May; it shall be copied from a template web site now under development for ASAW (Albury Wodonga Astronomy Society) with advanced functions.

#### **4.11 Technical Advancement.**

- Globe Marathon training sessions are deferred until Winter.

#### **4.12 Publicity**

- TL issued a media release To the Chronicle newspaper that was published in March, shall send the newspaper another media release this week.

#### **4.13 Mallincam Extreme**

- Practise with the cam shall occur this weekend at the Forrest, subject to favourable weather.

#### **4.14 Sydney Observatory scope** - CM shall check if this is a visual device.

### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Nominations for Committee**

- Nominations for all but the secretary have been received and this shall be sought at the General Meeting this month.

#### **6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** – 8 April at HS' home.

#### **7 CLOSE OF MEETING** – 9.54pm

*Chris Mallikoff, President*



*Mike Nicholas, 05 Mar 2013*

