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

Held at 55 Crommelin Cr, St Helens Park,  
Monday 03 June 2013 at 7.30pm  
Attending: CM, TL, SG, HS, PR and JG.

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES** - Opened at 7.28pm. Apologies from Barry Moore

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES** - Dated 06 May, 2013. Adopted by HS and TL.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- RP received a letter from Jai Rowell stating his support for the future observatory at DNP. CM to contact Darryl Wright to invite aboriginal council to a future open night. TL to contact Robert Gordon of BHP to advise of proposal. Sub-committee will move forward with detailed planning of building.

**3.2 Children's Booklet.**

- SG presented a completed booklet from other societies. Will continue to look at printing options, which may include the support of other Australian societies or UWS.

**3.3 Sister Societies**

- Deferred to 14th January, 2014.

**3.4 Any other business**

- Nil

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report** - See attached. Accepted by PR and CM

**4.2 Membership** - No new members

**4.3 Merchandise**

- Orders of jackets: 9 orders, all black
- New sales - \$72 in merchandise, \$10 in donations, \$100 in float
- MAS stickers have been on sale since the last forum meeting. Only sold in strips of 5.
- Graphics for a foldable banner have been completed and orders will be placed soon by CM.
- Fire sale of Prime Focus at \$2 ea
- SG proposed giving away medium sized MAS polo shirts as prizes in future events.

**4.4 General Meetings**

- Brian Schmidt has so far not been reached regarding joint meetings with MAS and UWS. TL to contact Brian again.
- UWS astronomy night 15th June; prepared and ready. There will be 3 presentations lead by Ragbir Bhathal and Dr. Jonti Horner. A blow up planetarium will be available for the public as well as members telescopes.

**4.5 The Forest**

- 10th-11th May: Friday was great. Saturday was washed out.
- Next gathering 7-8th June; Fairly reasonable conditions on both nights. Washed

out late in night/early evening.

#### **4.6 Stargard**

- Event on 2nd June was washed out

#### **4.7 Public Outreach**

- Inspire Program by Mandy Perrin at Chronicle Newspaper - Mandy has not been reached for further discussion.
- Liverpool Girl Guides at Austral. Attended by CM, SG, BM, and MAS Members. Strong member turn out. Well received.
- Macquarie Uni - attended by TL and HS. Good event for MAS to attend. May result in new members.
- Wollondilly Anglican College - August. Date TBC
- Invitations from other societies - to progress over the year

#### **4.8 Members' Trips**

- Hawaii: All instalments have been paid. Visit will include IRTF, Gemini and possibly sub-millimeter array.
- Committee discussed travelling to the Lowe Observatory in Tamworth NSW at some stage in 2014.

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

- Meeting with the UWS Provost - 15th June event at UWS will result in a \$1000 donation.
- Request from UWS for joint functions July-November - John Rombi will liaise with Vaughan Macefield to co-ordinate.

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

- CM plans to finalise the new website in late June; update

#### **4.11 Correspondence**

**Mail in** - 26th National Australian Convention of Amateur Astronomers, Melbourne.

- DVD of NACAA XXV Proceedings, Brisbane 2012

**Mail out** - None

#### **4.12 Technical Advancement.**

- Globular Marathon training sessions are deferred until Winter.

#### **4.13 Publicity**

- Media Release

#### **4.14 Mallincam Extreme**

- More practise with the cam shall occur, weather permitting.

#### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

- TL proposed purchasing a new display board for use at public events. Committee discussed purchasing a new board or refurbishing the existing one.
- CM proposed purchasing a weather station for use at The Oaks and Dharawal Observatory in the future. This would be co-funded by the local fire house.

#### **6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 01 July 2013**

#### **7 CLOSE OF MEETING**

**MAS Treasury Report 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013**

**Total Monies**

Term deposit Balance	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	
Cash and Cheques on hand	<b>\$ -</b>	
Merchandise Float	<b>\$0.00</b>	(Note \$100 moved to C/Acc)
Coffee Tea club Float	<b>\$40.00</b>	
Paypal balance	<b>\$39.39</b>	membership payment Wade McCartney
Cheque Account	<b>\$ 3,384.40</b>	
<b>Grand TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,463.79</b>	

Please see transactions and notes on next page

