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

Held at 58/53 Auburn Street, Sutherland  
Monday 05th August 2013 at 7.30pm  
Attending: CM, TL, SG, HS, PR, BM and JG.

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES - Apologies PR**

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES - Dated 1st July, 2013. Accepted by TL and CM**

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- The sub-committee will be meeting with Jai Rowell to organise a meeting with a representative of Crown Land.

**3.2 Children's Booklet.**

- SG to produce a draft of the booklet. Will revise and present an updated draft with the committees' suggestions at the next meeting.

**3.3 Sister Societies**

- Deferred to 14th January, 2014.

**3.4 Any other business**

- SG to look at refurbishing display boards
- Proposed weather station - CM is looking at partial funding by surrounding Rural Fire Service stations
- MAS is very interested in participating in the 'Spacecraft' project to be announced at the next forum meeting.

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report - see attached**

**4.2 Membership**

- Two new members; Danielle Taylor and Suzanne Adijans
- Current membership stands at 89 members including 3 honorary members.

**4.3 Merchandise**

- Orders of jackets - no new orders
- New sales - \$206 in sales of jackets + \$15 in donations
- Problems with the manufacturer of the new MAS banners. SG to look for a new manufacturer.

**4.4 General Meetings**

- Next speaker is Dr. Jonti Horner 19/08/2013
- Attempting to approach Brian Schmidt via Vaughan Macefield.

**4.5 The Forest**

- Last gatherings 5th-7th July - both days were good.
- 2nd-4th August - Friday was good, Saturday was white clouded over by 9.30pm
- International House - free weekend 23-24 August, BBQ provided by IH. Volunteers needed.

**4.6 Stargard**

- Last gathering 13th July washed out

- Next gathering 10th August at Stargard

#### **4.7 Public Outreach**

- No contact from Mandy Perrin regarding the 'Inspire Program' at Chronicle newspaper.
- Wollondilly Anglican College August. Date TBC
- Invitations from other societies - to progress over the year
- Camden Rotary club - 9th November, 2013

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

- TL to report on vacancies on the Hawaii trip
- Lowe Observatory in Tamworth NSW at some stage in 2014.

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

- TL to arrange a BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings, Narellen, in December 2013.

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

- CM plans to finalise the new website soon

#### **4.11 Correspondence**

**Mail in** - None

**Mail out** - None

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

- Globular Marathon training sessions are deferred until Winter.

#### **4.13 Publicity**

- Media Release - sent to Advertiser, Chronicle and UWS.

#### **4.14 MallinCam Extreme**

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

#### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

- IMAX - 28th August 2013

**6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** - 2nd September 2013 hosted by CM

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING** - 9.55pm