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

Held at 55 Crommelin Cr, St Helens Park  
Monday 2nd September 2013 at 7.30pm  
Attending: CM, TL, SG, HS, PR, BM and JG.

**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES** - Opened at 7:35pm. Apologies HS

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES** - Dated 5th August, 2013; Accepted by TL and BM.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- The sub-committee will hold a meeting with a representative of Crown Land in the near future.

**3.2 Children's Booklet.**

- Deferred to next month due to illness. Also seeking a new graphics designer.

**3.3 Sister Societies**

- CM to discuss with Jonti Horner regarding establishing a relationship with the British Observing Society.

**3.4 Any other business**

- SG is in the process of refurbishing the display boards.
- There has been no response to the proposed weather station from the RFS.
- 'Spacecraft' project scrapped due to lack of society interest.

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

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

**4.2 Membership**

- Two new members; Stephen Glass and Allen Williams
- Current membership stands at 91 members including 3 honorary members.

**4.3 Merchandise**

- Orders of jackets - no new orders. \$7 in donations received.
- New sales - nil
- A new banner manufacturer has been found and will be ready for the next committee meeting. Cost \$138.

**4.4 General Meetings**

- Next speaker is Geoff Sims; 16th Sept. 2013.
- Brian Schmidt will be guest speaker on the 21st of February, 2014.

**4.5 The Forest**

- International House - 44 students and 10 members with telescopes. Great response from guest. Well received.
- Next gathering 6-7th September.

**4.6 Stargard**

- Last gathering 31st August very good
- Next gathering 28th September

**4.7 Public Outreach**

- Since we have had no contact from Mandy Perrin regarding the 'Inspire

- Program' at Chronicle newspaper, this project has been cancelled.
- Wollondilly Anglican College cancelled due to no response from the school.
  - Invitations from other societies - to progress over the year
  - Camden Rotary club - 9th November, 2013. May be changed to 7th November to encourage greater member participation.

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

- Hawaii trip all set and ready to go.
- 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** - Bintel 'Night Sky'.

**Mail out** - two new members packs sent out

#### **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**

- Nil

**6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** - 4th November 2013 at Stewarts'.

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING** - 9:05pm

**MAS Treasury Report 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2013**

<b>Total Monies</b>	
Term deposit Balance	\$14,000.00
Cash and Cheques on hand	\$ -
Merchandise Float	\$100.00
Coffee Tea club Float	\$40.00
Paypal balance	\$ -
Cheque Account	\$ 4,383.31
<b>Grand TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,523.31</b>

Please see transactions on next page

Bank Transactions 02/08/2013 - 1/09/2013 Barry Moore

Date	Details	Cheque	Hon. Tr	Merchand	Members	Forest	Donation	Other	Income	Expense	Balance	Transfer
2/08/2013	Balance Brought forward										\$ 4,514.57	
3/08/2013	Cash deposit:			\$ 221.00		\$ 90.00			\$ 311.00		\$ 4,825.57	
12/08/2013	Pansports Purchase	#448								\$ 261.10	\$ 4,564.47	
21/08/2013	deposit Stephen Gless. Tee money							\$ 57.00	\$ 107.00		\$ 4,671.47	
21/08/2013	deposit A williams								\$ 50.00		\$ 4,721.47	
23/08/2013	international House	#447								\$ 120.00	\$ 4,601.47	
27/08/2013	Mallinacam Accessories	#450								\$ 188.80	\$ 4,412.67	
27/08/2013	Tony Law - speakers dinner	#449								\$ 29.40	\$ 4,383.27	
1/09/2013	bank interest							0.04	\$ 0.04		\$ 4,383.31	

Totals				\$ 221.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 57.04	\$ 468.04	\$ 599.30	\$ 4,383.31	
Date	Details	Cheque	Receipt	Merchant	Members	Forest	Donation	Other	Income	Expense	Balance	Transfer

Transactions to be done											
Nil											

Reconciliation - 31 Aug 2013		Cheque A/c	
opening		\$ 4,514.57	\$ 4,514.57
plus income	\$ 468.04		
less expenses + transfer	\$ 599.30		\$ 4,383.31
closing bal		\$ 4,383.31	\$ 4,383.31
Total balance		\$ 4,383.31	\$ 4,383.31