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

Held at Stewarts Ellis Lane, Ellis Lane
Monday 4th November 2013 at 7.30pm
Attending: CM, TL, SG, HS, PR, BM and JG.

1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES - Opened 7:33pm. Apologies CM

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES - Dated 2nd September, 2013. Approved by TL, seconded by PR

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park

- RP drafted a letter addressed to Jai Rowell re: Dharawal National Park and asked for feedback from the MAS committee. The committee decided the following modifications:
Delete item two under the header 'We Seek: Crown Land authority to construct an observatory on the site whilst the BHP Billiton lease is current';
Rephrase third point: 'Crown Land authority to construct and/or retain an observatory on the site following the expiry of the BHP Billiton lease' to read 'Authority from Crown Land to construct...'
Delete the third last paragraph from the letter 'We are currently seeking a meeting with BHP-Billiton to explore the feasibility of using the site prior to the lease expiry'.

3.2 Children's Booklet.

- No progress yet.

3.3 Sister Societies

- Discussions with Jonti Horner regarding the establishment of a relationship with the British Observing Society have been deferred to Jan due to illness.

3.4 Any other business

- SG is in the process of refurbishing the display boards and will produce a costing.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS.

4.1 Treasurer's Report - See attached.

4.2 Membership

- Five new members; Karen, Georgia and Haria Peters, Robert Moskrop and Jim Wall.
- Current membership stands at 96 members including 3 honorary members.

4.3 Merchandise

- Orders of jackets - two jackets
- New sales - \$120 for September. \$11 in donations in September, \$12 in October.
- The committee discussed gifts for frequent 'top-tier' guest speakers and suggested this be brought up at the next general meeting.

4.4 General Meetings

- Next speaker is Dr. Angel Lopez-Sanchez; 18th Nov. 2013.

4.5 The Forest

- Next gathering 29th-30th November

4.6 Stargard

- Next gathering 23rd November

4.7 Public Outreach

- Invitations from other societies - to progress over the year
- A joint observing night with Camden and Mt Annan Scouts planned for April/May on a Stargard weekend.

4.8 Members' Trips

- Lowe Observatory in Tamworth NSW at some stage in 2014.

4.9 Fundraising

- TL to arrange a BBQ fundraiser at Bunning's, Narellan, 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 - email from Brisbane Astronomical Society regarding sharing their monthly newsletter. Committee agreed.

Mail out - nil

4.12 Technical Advancement.

- Globular Marathon training sessions are deferred until Winter 2014.

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

- Forest keys - TL to speak with Jessica to propose keys being held at USyd Veterinary Science Clinic, Cobbitty
- New combination lock for Stargard gate to minimise hooligans going on sports field. TL and SG to investigate.

6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - 2nd December 2014 at Henry's.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING - 8:56pm.

MAS Treasury Report 30th Nov 2013

Total Monies	
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	\$4,618.92
Grand TOTAL	\$18,758.92

Bank Transactions 01/11/2013- 30/11/2013 Barry Moore Hon. Treasurer Macarthur astronomical Society

Date	Details	Cheque	Receipt	Merchandise	Members	Forest	Donation	Other	Income	Expense	Balance
1/11/2013	Balance Brought forward								\$ -		\$ 4,429.20
1/11/2013	Bank interest								\$ 0.04		\$ 4,429.24
13/11/2013	Website annual fee paypal paid									\$ 133.32	\$ 4,295.92
19/11/2013	Cash dep note #1		\$ 122.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 235.00			\$ 4,530.92
19/11/2013	John Rombi - astronomy 2014		\$ 23.00						\$ 23.00		\$ 4,553.92
29/11/2013	New family membership - "Ralph Imber"			\$ 65.00					\$ 65.00		\$ 4,618.92
30/11/2013	Closing balance										\$ 4,618.92
	See Note #2 for further payments due										\$ 4,618.92

Totals \$ 145.00 \$ 115.00 \$ 30.00 \$ 23.00 \$ 10.00 \$ 323.04 \$ 133.32 \$ 4,618.92

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#1	Notes	Amount	Total	receipt	Reconciliation - 31 Oct 2013	Cheque A/c
	Stewart sales	\$ 122.00		2219570	opening	\$ 4,429.20
	Donations	\$ 23.00		2219571	plus income	\$ 323.04
	Goran Stojilkovic - new member	\$ 50.00		2219573		
	Penny - tea Club	\$ 10.00		2219574		
	Ray armstrong Forest October	\$ 30.00		2219575		
			\$ 235.00		less expenses+ trans	\$ 133.32
#2	Outstanding items to PAY in Dec				closing bal	\$ 4,618.92
	International house Oct, Nov	\$ 240.00		Chq#452,456	Total balance	\$ 4,618.92
	Barry jacket sold as gift	\$ 50.00		chq#455		
	Tony gift for Angel	\$ 33.30		Chq#454		
	Chq - printing of Astronomy 2014	\$ 481.50		Chq #453		

Bpay Transactions November

Date	Details	gross	net to bpay account
13/11/2013		-\$ 133.32	-\$ 133.32
13/11/2013	Transfer from Cheque Acc	\$ 133.32	
	BPAY Balance 30/11/2013	\$ -	