



MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc.
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Room 5, Building 22, University of Western Sydney,
Campbelltown Campus, NSW on Monday 19th April 2010.

1. OPENING OF MEETING, WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Following General Notices, the AGM opened at 7.53 pm. Present were all members noted in the attendance register. The outgoing President, John Rombi, chaired the meeting and the outgoing Secretary, Roger Powell, was appointed to take the minutes. No apologies were received.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 20th APRIL 2009

The minutes were read by the Secretary and the motion: "That the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the 2009 Annual general meeting" was moved by John Rombi, seconded by Chris Malikoff and carried unanimously. The Secretary was ordered to file the minutes with the Society's records.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE 2009 MINUTES

The President had told the 2009 AGM that the Management Committee would review the possibility of improving the interest paid by the MAS bank account. The President now advised that care had been taken to wait until it was financially responsible, before recently approving the setting up of a term deposit.

There was no other business arising.

4. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2009-2010

President's Report: John Rombi presented his published report and reviewed highlights to the meeting. He reviewed the Society's activities, praised each individual committee member and office bearer for their work during the year and thanked all members for their commitment and contributions to the Society, especially for their support of activities throughout the 2009 International Year of Astronomy.

Treasurer's Report: Tony Law presented his published annual report, stating that the Society was in good financial health. In summary, the Treasurer's Report for year ended 28th February 2010 indicated:

Income:	\$7,562.88
Expenditure:	\$4,799.82
Unappropriated profit:	\$2,763.06
Current assets (stock):	\$1,950.45
Cash at bank:	\$7,054.03
Depreciated non-current assets:	\$260.00
Total assets:	\$9,264.48

Tony said that the committee had authorised \$5,000 to be transferred into a fixed term deposit, leaving approximately \$2,500 in the cash account. He said that if all current members renewed, the membership would be 97 next year. The number had been boosted by the increased number of public nights run in conjunction with the University of Western Sydney during the International Year of Astronomy. The forecast membership level for 2010-11 would be smaller.

Auditor's Report: Graeme Bellamy reviewed the audited accounts, telling the meeting that the financial information provided to him was clear and concise. The books were properly balanced and presented the

accounts fairly in accordance with the relevant accounting standards and reporting requirements. He remarked that the stock value had grown markedly this year and noted that a marketing profit was achieved, despite some stock being presented as gifts to visiting speakers.

Ian Cook asked a question regarding asset replacement and Graeme responded that all Society assets have been subjected to regular annual depreciation and the current low asset value would be written off at the end of this financial year.

Merchandise Report:

Stewart Grainger presented his published Marketing Report and advised that the profit on sales had been achieved despite selling products at minimal profit margins to members.

Motion: "That the Annual Reports presented by the President, Treasurer, Auditor and Merchandise Officer be accepted", moved John Rombi, seconded Robert Bee, carried unanimously. The Annual Report is appended to these minutes.

5. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Dick Everett was appointed Returning Officer and the outgoing President vacated the chair.

6. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2009-2010

Dick Everett took the chair and - as a previous long-standing Treasurer of the Society - added his personal congratulations to the Society, the Committee and the members, for the fifty per cent rise in both membership and finances during 2009-10.

Dick declared all positions vacant and told the meeting that at the close of nominations, one nomination had been received for each position. Each nomination had been formally proposed, seconded and accepted. Accordingly, each nominee was duly declared elected and the meeting endorsed each by acclamation. The new management committee is:

President: John Rombi. Vice-President: Trevor Rhodes. Secretary: Roger Powell.
Treasurer: Tony Law. Committee Members: Lloyd Wright, Carol McVeigh, Stewart Grainger.

Dick congratulated the new committee and vacated the chair for the incoming President, John Rombi.

7. PRESENTATION OF TEN YEAR AWARDS

Two members, Michael Wells and Phillip Kidd were presented with Ten Year Membership Awards and were acclaimed by the meeting.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The President congratulated the new committee members and thanked the members for attending.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 8.30 pm and members reconvened as a General Monthly Meeting.

Roger Powell
Secretary
20th April 2010