



MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc.  
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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Lecture Theatre 6, Building 21, University of  
Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus, NSW  
on  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012

### 1. OPENING OF MEETING, WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Following General notices, the Annual General Meeting opened at 7.42 pm. Present were all members noted in the attendance register. The retiring President, Trevor Rhodes, chaired the meeting and the retiring Secretary, Roger Powell was appointed to take the minutes.

Apologies were received from the following members: Carol McVeigh, Debra Taylor, Nicole Ireland, Graeme Bellamy, and Henry Swierk.

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011

The minutes were distributed to members prior to the meeting and were read by Roger Powell. Motion: *"That the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the 2011 Annual General Meeting,"* moved Trevor Rhodes, seconded Tony Law, carried unanimously. The President ordered that the minutes be filed in the Secretary's formal records.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

### 4. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2011-2012

The 2012 Annual Report was distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

Trevor Rhodes read the President's Annual Report. He thanked the Committee and other members who had contributed during the year and the members who had attended meetings, observing sessions, fund-raising events and assisted with public outreach.

The Annual Financial Reports by the Treasurer and Auditor, were taken as read. Tony Law thanked the auditor, Graeme Bellamy, for his speedy financial audit and explained that the Auditor's Report indicated that the Society is in good shape with total assets of \$18,270.05, compared with \$13,570.14 twelve months ago. Membership for the year peaked at 93, (same as last year) including three honorary members.

Ian Cook asked a series of questions regarding the financial aspects of The Forest. These were answered by Tony Law, who explained the current arrangements with International House

Motion: *"That the Annual Reports presented by the President, Treasurer and Auditor be accepted,"* moved Trevor Rhodes, seconded Chris Malikoff, carried unanimously.

The President ordered that the 2012 Annual Report be filed in the Secretary's formal records. The Annual Report will also form part of these minutes.

## **5. PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

Trevor Rhodes presented the following membership awards:

Five year certificates: Geoff Young.

Fifteen year certificates: Ian Cook and Dick Everett.

The following membership awards were postponed to the next General Meeting:

Five year certificates: Ray Armstrong, Christiane Gurney, Kate Ross, Matt White, Jack White & Michael Raftery.

Ten year badge: Henry Swierk.

Fifteen year certificates: Lou Timpano.

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER**

John Rombi was endorsed by the meeting as Returning Officer and Trevor Rhodes vacated the chair.

## **7. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2012-2013**

John Rombi advised that nominations closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and only one nomination was received for each position. Accordingly, the following were each duly declared elected and the meeting endorsed each by acclamation:

President: Chris Malikoff; Vice-President: Tony Law; Secretary: Nicole Ireland; Treasurer: Barry Moore; Committee Members: Lloyd Wright, Stewart Grainger and Henry Swierk.

On behalf of the members, John Rombi congratulated the new committee and thanked Trevor Rhodes and Roger Powell for their contribution to the Society. He then vacated the chair for the incoming President, Chris Malikoff.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Chris Malikoff took the chair and thanked the members for their confidence in him. He congratulated the new committee and expressed his appreciation to retiring President Trevor Rhodes for his diligent work on behalf of the Society. He thanked the members for attending.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Members reconvened as a General Monthly Meeting, with a talk by Alexander Massey on the "Techniques of Astronomical Sketching" and a Trivia Quiz conducted by Trevor Rhodes.

*Roger Powell  
Secretary  
17th April 2012*