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MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Scheduled for online conference, Monday 14 June 2021 at 19:00

Committee Attending in the online conference: John Rombi (President), Noel Sharpe (Vice President), Richard Curley (Secretary), Andy Milton (Treasurer), Greg Bradford (Committee Member), Dave Manning (Committee Member), Henry Swierk (Membership Officer).

Apologies: Phil Kidd

NOTE: The Government restrictions surround the COVID-19 pandemic prevent any face-to-face meetings or activities. This meeting was held by committee members in a "Zoom" conference with full interaction.

1. OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES: meeting opened at 7:03 pm

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES for committee meeting held 10/05/2021 Proposed by John Rombi, seconded by Richard Curley, Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

3.1 Cloud File Storage

3.1.1 Discuss cloud storage, on hold while we go live with new website. There is an opportunity to 'piggy-back off' the website cloud storage. John to speak with Roger Powell on Cloud storage of the Society's digital assets before next meeting

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 Treasurer's Report: Report from Andy, received 14/06/2021.

Macarthur Astronomical Financial Report for the period to 31 May 2021. The Society bank account had a balance of \$17976.61. The PayPal account balance was \$827.32.

Since 1 June three membership payments have been received to the main bank account: Hunney Chanthanasaeng \$51.00; Stefin Russin \$51.00; and Antoinette Koutsomihalos \$51.00. An amount of \$181.10 was banked by John Rombi representing donations received at Parramatta Park.

Moved by John Rombi, seconded by Dave Manning, Carried.

4.2 Membership: Henry Swierk

Membership at the end of May 2021.

We have 126 Financial members that have renewed in total including 6 Hon. and 2 Assoc, 28 previous members from last financial year are yet to renew. One new member in May was Robbie Waterhouse.

James Wall possible double payment.

Moved by John Rombi, seconded by Greg Bradford, Carried.

4.3 Merchandise: no report as we have not had a forum. - On Hold

Currently Andy is storing the merchandise. Andy to source a merchandise table closer to 'live' forum start date.

4.4 Forum Speakers – Via Zoom.

Until further notice, all future forums will be held online via 'Zoom' web app. All presenters are keen and willing to participate online.

Remaining speakers for 2021.

June	Prof Naomi McClure Griffiths (ANU)
July	Dr Jonty Marshall (ASIAA)
August	TBA
September	Kirsten Banks (UNSW) PhD
October	Prof Tim Bedding (USYD)
November	Devika Kamath (MQ)
December	Prof Geraint Lewis (USYD)

4.5 General Business

4.5.1 None.

4.6 Regular Viewing – All regular Viewing is restricted due to Covid-19 pandemic to 20 people at Stargard and 10 people at The Forest cabin. - On Hold

4.6.1 Stargard – viewing.

Future dates.

Please advise viewing dates for the year and last viewing date.

3rd July 10th July & 31st July

7th August & 28th August

4th September

2nd October 9th October & 30th October

6th November & 27th November

4th December & 25th December

Current hire agreement is for two night per month.

4.6.2 The Forest viewing

There is current no prospect for using the forest, this is not expected to change anytime soon.

4.7 Other Public Outreach

4.7.1 The event on 15th May at The Australian Botanic Garden was well received, with separate sessions taking turns at the scopes. Dave displayed images on a large screen, this went well. One more event owing.

4.7.2 The event on 5th June at Governor Brisbane Observatory exhibition Parramatta Park was received and well organised, Noel Sharpe relayed about two hundred people attend and the organisers looked after MAS attendees. There is a possibility of more collaboration in the future.

4.7.3 Due to COVID 19, no mentoring this year, Phil Kidd contacted school and they are keen to start in 2022. We may be able to run a combined night later in 2021.

4.7.4 Broughton College has asked MAS to attend Science Day on 17th August, this will run for a couple of hours and MAS will provide a display with images and some scopes.

4.8 Members' Trips – None planed due to COVID-19. - On Hold

4.9 Fundraising - Return and Earn – TOMRA. Cards have been sent out and some donations have come thru, need to encourage membership to use card. Need to prime members to donate.

4.10 Website, Facebook – Chris is working on this, in progress - On Hold.

4.10.1 Richard Curley and Henry Swierk report and issues when re-issuing password from the website, Roger Powell need to authenticate the user again.

4.11 Storing all our display photographs – currently with Tony. A is home needed and person to manage new photo publishing. Still looking for assistance - On Hold

Next meeting discuss new photos.

4.12 Publicity and Secretary report - On Hold

Mail checked, Bank statement dropped off to Andy, no other mail.

No publicity has been sent for future public forums or public observing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Richard is storing MAS roll-up advertising stands.

4.13 Loan Scopes. - On Hold

The committee is looking to procure a solar scope for public outreach only. John to canvas if any member is interested in selling a solar scope. Currently on hold for a few months.

Three scopes to go to new members next Stargard, one scope left over.

4.14 Zoom / Online Meeting - On Hold

4.14.1 John needs to organise for at least one other person to be able to login in and administrate Zoom for the society's requirements. Decide Richard Curley to admin the IT part of meeting and Noel Sharpe to Host meeting in John's absence. Technical info to be passed to RC.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Greg Bradford raised the idea of business cards for committee members, MAS did have a generic business card before. Committee to further discuss.

6. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Monday 12th July 2021 – 19:00, online Zoom meeting.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING, 8:26 pm.

Typed by Richard Curley on 12/07/2021.

Approved by, Richard Curley Date 13/07/2021