

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF  
MR R ROTH ON 20 APRIL 1998

PRESENT: K Hampson, L Hearmon, R Roth, J Watson

APOLOGIES: R Clifford, P Hawkins

1. J Watson welcomed everyone and the meeting commenced at 19:40.
2. Matters Arising

The poor turnout of this months meeting was discussed as was the problem of acquiring a permanent venue for it. J Watson will be sending letters to Varsity College, Natal College of Education & The Red Cross Hall requesting a venue for our meetings.

  - A porcelain doll has been donated to us by Mr K Schutz' wife to be raffled.
3. Planning

May meeting will be on the 13th with a continuation of J Watson's talk, from 2 months ago, on the stars. K Hampson has spoken to Barry Lewis & unfortunately he will not be able to speak to the society.

  - The AGM was discussed & although the venue & programme are still to be finalised, the date was set for the 10th June 1998.
4. Membership

No new members this month.  
An account was sent to Mr Lassale for his annual subs.
5. Correspondence

Incoming Mail:  
S & T May, newsletters from Dbn, Jhb, PE & Zim have been received. The Receiver of Revenue has replied to J Watson's letter with a list of documents & formalities which need to be completed.
6. Treasurers Report

None
7. Stardust

R Roth changed to font slightly of the logo on the Stardust. to which the committee was all in favour of.

  - A raffle sheet will be sent in Stardust to all members to sell tickets for the porcelain doll.
8. Library

Books & magazines are being stored at J Watson's office: some of the bound S & T's are still in the cupboard.
9. PRO

With regard to the star party, various suggestions were put forth but nothing definite has been arranged.

  - Izinkanyezi: R Roth & K Hampson will help J Watson to get photos etc for his talk, & R Clifford has lent J Watson some drawings & star charts etc. A small group will be going to Izinkanyezi for the day on Saturday 2 May 1998.
10. Instruments & Observatory

Some priming to be done still. The steelwork is all painted & John Loughlin has finished the plastering & is working on the entrance.  
R Clifford has done more work on the 'constellations'.
11. Education

J Watson will start organising for the Astronomy course for this year.
12. General

None

Meeting closed at 21:00. Next committee meeting to be held at the home of J Watson on 18 May 1998.