

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF
MR J WATSON ON 18 MAY 1998

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

APOLOGIES: P Hawkins, R Roth

1. J Watson welcomed everyone and the meeting commenced at 19:50.

2. Matters Arising

The committee was pleased at the good turnout of the last meeting. A permanent venue has still to be decided upon but J Watson does have a few possibilities.

The raffle is going well & the draw for it will be in August.

3. Planning

AGM will be at city computers on 10 June. Some form of entertainment was discussed, J Watson will contact Mr Field for slides he presented at Izinkanyezi.

- The committee also agreed to have snacks & wine on the evening, K Hampson & L Hearmon will arrange the organising of this.

4. Membership

1 Resignation - M Imber

2 interested people to whom Stardust will be sent.

5. Correspondence

Incoming Mail:

S & T June, newsletters from Dbn, Jhb, PE & Zim have been received, as well as the a summary of the ASSA council minutes. J Watson also received a letter from R Jarmain.

6. Treasurers Report

Bank Balance R985,05

The question of insurance was raised for the observatory & P Hawkins will investigate this

7. Stardust

8. Library

K Hampson has some new photos of the observatory to add to the library.

9. PRO

All went well at Izinkanyezi where J Watson gave a talk about the observatory, & he thanked those who had contributed towards his talk.

Star Party - Sub-committee has been formed consisting of R Roth, J Watson & B Lawrence. They have had a meeting & will meet again on 25 May.

- The star party will probably be held on 15 or 22 August. With regard to venue this is still being looked into, the favourite so far being the polo cross grounds at Bishopstow; others include Cedara Hall & Girl guides hall.

10. Instruments & Observatory

All going well, roof to go on next week.

11. Education

Astronomy course to begin on the 30 June (Tuesdays & Thursdays). H Snyman will be assisting J Watson in this.

- Mrs Tountas of Eston has suggested to J Watson that a viewing evening be held at her farm, with some of the Eston community to attend.

12. General

The application for a grant in aid is under way & the form is nearly completed.

Meeting closed at 20:50. Next committee meeting venue to be discussed at the AGM.