

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of Mr R Roth on 19/8/98

Present R.Roth, J.Watson, R.Clifford, I.Schroeder

Apologies P.Hawkins, B.Lawrence

1. Meeting commenced at 19:30 - minutes of previous meeting accepted

2. Matters arising

- a) Venue - JW to go ahead with College of Education as first choice
- b) Raffle of porcelain doll - won by Miss K.Rose-Innes
- c) RR, JW and K.Hampson met with Model Engineers on 17/8/98 - approx 25 attended - viewing not too good despite lack of clouds

3. Planning 9/9/98 Impact Craters (video & intro by RR) - meet at CCB
14/10/98 JW to speak to Dr Vincent Couling (UNP Physics) and suggest a meeting on campus
otherwise JW to present Part III of 'Life of Stars'
12/12/98 Xmas Party - JW to investigate a luncheon party at 'McMuddles on the Hill' near Currys Post

4. Membership New member - Gareth Thomson
Prospects - Dr Michael Budek, Keith Greggor, Steve Bolt
Reinstate - Steve de Vos

5. Correspondence - Letter from Magda Streicher (Pietersburg) plus donation
- apologies from Martin Prozesky
- Kim Curtis (Bulawayo) retiring

6. Treasurer - Balance on hand R5083,62
- money still to come from sale of hot-dogs etc
- R140,00 to Girl Guides for use of hall on 15/8/98

7. STARDUST - a big 'thankyou' to all members who helped at Star Party
- advertise telescope belonging to Mrs G.Lopato (Howick)
- article from Jan Baxter on Dogon culture (Sirius etc)

8. Library - IS still to meet with K.Hampson
- cupboard to be moved to the observatory

9. P.R.O. - 'Journey to the Stars' on 15/8/98 not a great success - too many other attractions (rugby ?) - poor support from 'Natal Witness'. Agreed to hold similar event every 2 years.
Observatory much admired by those who did attend - better control of telescopes needed.
- approach 'Natal Witness' about a monthly article
- Durban museum 'planetarium facility' ?

10. Observatory & Instruments

- Dancer 5" refractor installed on tripod - permanent mounting required - performed well at the Star Party - security ??
- G.Prosser & H.Buchler to make mounting for 12" reflector
- work party needed for levelling & grassing of immediate surrounds

11. Education - request from Laddsworth Primary for a 'star' evening
- JW would like to investigate means of attracting 'black' schools
- a certain Mr Bray gave a talk to 'Midlands Forum' recently - JW will try to contact him.

12. General - Nil

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 14/9/98 - venue to be advised