

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of Mr J Watson on 20/7/98

Present R.Roth, J.Watson, P.Hawkins, R.Clifford

Apologies B.Lawrence, I.Schroeder

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

2. Matters arising

- a) Info for ASSA ready for posting
- b) Venue - College of Education promising
  - University - car numbers needed for access
- c) Porcelain doll to I.S. - approx R440 raised from raffle already
- d) J.Loughlin's post getting to the right place

3. Planning 12/8/98 Star Party planning at GG Hall  
9/9/98 JW to contact Dr Vincent Couling (UNP Physics Dept)  
Other options - video, Stars III, Sundials

Future - Moon observing (RR)  
12/12/98 Xmas party - PH proposed going out for dinner  
- Victoria Bowling Club, Botanical Gardens ?

4. Membership New member - Nicholas Naidoo  
Resignations - Dr Albrecht Scheuer, Charles Pert

5. Correspondence - Letter from Pmb TLC acknowledging receipt of application for Grant-in-Aid - ~~going before an INDAAT~~  
- Letters of thanks (with donations) from Minerva Club and L'Abri (Youth for Christ)  
- Newsletters, S&T, MNASSA (with RR's article on Walter)

6. Treasurer - Balance on Hand R3133,20  
- Generous donations from G.Prosser and Dept of Educ & Culture

7. STARDUST - JW has contacted Minolta (J.Sprake) - nobody available to do the actual copying - continue to use CCB facility for now  
- Next issue to include report on AGM etc (watch footers !)  
- MACS to pay R20 for insert of advert for their coffee shop  
- Urge members to get involved with Star Party in August, and to get cracking with sale of raffle sheets - picture of doll to BL  
- 'Impact Craters' a good topic for the future (RR)

8. Library - IS still has to meet with KH  
- PH still looking for Vol I of Amateur Telescope Making

9. PRO - Star Party sub-committee to meet on 27/7/98  
- RR requires a 'begging' letter for University, to borrow audio-visual equipment  
- JW has contacted Janis O'Grady at Natal Witness re observatory and Star Party  
- BL to contact Durban Museum re 'planetarium' facility

10. Observatory & Instruments  
- Roof on and interior walls half painted - work party required to finish painting and cleaning up  
- G.Prosser & H.Buchler to make mounting for new 12"

11. Education - Basic Astro Course going well - 24 students  
- Grade 8 pupils at Epworth on 29/7/98  
- Model Engineers on 17/8/98 at 19:00

12. General - Nil

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 19/8/98 at home of  
R.Clifford, 145 Howick Road