

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of Mr R Clifford on 14/9/98

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

Apologies I.Schroeder

1. Meeting commenced at 19:30 - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising
 - a) Miss Rose-Innes delighted with porcelain doll
 - b) Last meeting & video on Impact Craters went well
3. Planning 14/10/98 Dr Vincent Couling has agreed to give a talk at the UNP Physics dept
 - 11/11/98 JW to present "Stars - Part III"
 - 16-17/11/98 Outing to observe Leonids ?
 - 12/12/98 Xmas Party - preliminary contact with 'McMuddles' looks good - JW to proceed
4. Membership New members - Leslie Brown, Steve Bolt
Prospects - Gareth Brown, Bob Mirtle
5. Correspondence - Letter & phone-call from Andrew Gray - moving to Fishoek
- thankyou letter from Natal Centre re Izinkhanyezi
- questionnaire from ASSA re Historical database
- thankyou letter from Epworth girls
6. Treasurer - Balance on hand over R5000
- Subs reminders to go out in October
- R140 sent to Girl Guides for use of hall
- No word from Pmb/Duzi TLC re grant-in-aid - send photo of observatory
- agreed to reimburse R.Clifford an amount of R3049,50 for roofing contractor charges
7. STARDUST - to be ready by 1/10/98
- RR keen to do article on Bracchi's cluster (sp!)
8. Library - IS currently overseas - no progress with moving of cupboard
- JW to follow up on claim from St.Charles for missing items.
9. P.R.O. - JW and BL to compile letter to Natal Witness re shabby support
- BL has contacted Mario de Maggio (Durban Museum) re 'planetarium facility' - actually a computerised projector - visit in Feb 99?
- PH to contact Japanese Consulate (Durban) re a planetarium for Maritzburg
- Leaflets/Applications to be left at Pmb Publicity Assoc
- BL to contact Bridget Perry re mention of observatory in any literature on Hilton Meander
10. Observatory & Instruments
 - work party needed for levelling & grassing - wattles need some more attention !
 - RC completing the constellation murals/panels - needs star maps
 - PH and RR to contact G.Prosser & H.Buchler re completion of 12" reflector
 - JW and RC to work on plinth/mounting for 'Dancer'
11. Education - JW has contacted Case Rijdsdijk (ASSA) re education workshops etc - will follow up with letter etc
- invitation from Jennifer Hulett at Phinda Game Park to go up for a weekend and train their staff
12. General - ideas for fund raising and use of observatory

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 19/10/98 - at home of B.Lawrence