

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of Mr R.Roth on 16/11/98

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 with correction to date of 19/10/98.
2. Matters arising - letter of thanks sent to V.Couling
 - St Charles - videos recovered, cups replaced, library cupboard moved to observatory
 - Xmas party - lunch cancelled, McMuddles confirmed
 - Tethys occultation clouded out
3. Planning 17/11/98 Leonid observation at Umgeni Valley from 24:00 onwards
12/12/98 Xmas party - braai etc at McMuddles
10/2/99 First meeting of 1999 - trip to Durban museum ?
4. Membership New member - Gareth Brown
Prospect - Mark Brassell
5. Correspondence - newsletters from other Centres and SAAO
- permission from PMB TLC to put up sign to observatory
6. Treasurer - Balance on hand R3071 (including R192 from Laddsworth)
- some defaulters have paid
7. STARDUST - to be ready by 26/11/98
- include a map of route to McMuddles, and also plan of observatory site with 'adopt a plot' names etc
8. Library - K.Hampson has handed over admin details to I.Schroeder
9. P.R.O. - RR has had contact with Natal Witness re Leonids, and will follow up on the possibility of a regular weekly/monthly column in 'The Mirror'
 - Leaflets at Pmb Publicity & contact Hilton meander
 - PH to contact Japanese consulate
10. Observatory & Instruments
 - Shopping List with next STARDUST
 - work parties on 5/12/98, 19/12/98, ~~23~~⁹/1/99 and ~~23~~²³/1/99 for levelling & grassing around building and 'adopt a plot' scheme
 - RC is working on signs on main road and top of site
 - P.Welch contacted re purchase/donation of lamp-post to use as plinth for 'Dancer' - could use concrete pipe ?
 - PH and RR to contact G.Prosser/H.Buchler
 - plans for security ?
11. Education - JW gave slide-show at Laddsworth on 3/11/98
 - Slides/viewing with Girl Guides due on 4/12/98
 - talk to Howick/Hilton Rotary on 7/12/98 (~~RR~~ to assist with preparation of slides)
12. General - Nil

NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE - Monday ¹⁸~~23~~/1/99
- venue to be advised