

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of Mr R.Roth on 19/4/99

Present: H.Roth, J.Watson, P.Hawkins, R.Clifford, I.Schroeder

Apologies: B.Lawrence

1. Meeting commenced at 19:45 - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - photo of Roberts refractor sent to D.Overbeek via e-mail
 - advert for Basic Astronomy course sent out with 'Stardust' in April
3. Planning 12/5/99 - 'Autumn Skies' at Observatory - RC to convene
9/6/99 - A.G.M. - at CCB - Video (BL ?) - Cheese/wine ?
4. Membership Nil
5. Correspondence - Newletters from other Centres (M.Christianson now the editor of 'The Cape Observer')
 - letter from D.Overbeek re occultation on 23/4/99 - RR will co-ordinate
 - request from Secretary of ASSA to supply our mailing list - JW to oblige
 - April 'Stardusts' returned to sender ?
6. Treasurer - Balance on hand approx R1775
 - all 1999 Handbooks have been sold
7. STARDUST - to be ready by 28/4/99
 - RR to submit 'Chairman's Corner'
 - advance notice of AGM - also ask members to bring chairs, drinks and lights to next meeting.
8. Library - dust cover for bookcase to be made
 - large photo of Orion Nebula to be laminated
 - BL going to tidy up/sort out on 24/4/99
9. P.R.O. - BL had prepared several different samples of leaflets for Pmb Tourism (et al) to hold - these were discussed and suggestions made for slight alterations/improvements
 - "Grand Opening" of observatory will be on 11/8/99 - BL had also prepared specimen of a suitable invitation which also invited discussion - VIP guest list to be compiled
10. Observatory & Instruments
 - successful work party on 16/4/99 completed Dobsonian slabs
 - RC to contact J.Loughlin re building of braai
 - RR and JW visited G.Prosser on 21/3/99, and the components of the new 12" telescope are now in the observatory - it will not be completed in time for the opening - PH will discuss suitable mounting with H.Buchler
 - 'shopping list' as before
11. Education - JW and others to go to St.Annes DSG on 5/5/99
 - Lecturers for Basic Astronomy course in July to include C.Lake
 - need large screen for slides/OHP - RR has one
12. General - concern over poor turnout at most monthly meetings

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - MONDAY 17/5/99 at home of B.Lawrence