

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of B.Lawrence on 17/5/99

Present: J.Watson, R.Clifford, B.Lawrence, I.Schroeder

Apologies: R.Roth, P.Hawkins

1. Meeting commenced at 19:45 - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - excellent turnout at 'Autumn Skies' evening on 12/5/99 (16 members, 29 visitors) - thanks to RC for his preparation and presentation
 - RR not at committee meeting due to appointment with Model Engineers talking about 'Sundials'.
3. Planning 9/6/99 - A.G.M. at City Computers - Video 'The Dream is Alive'
 - BL to prepare cheese snacks - JW to procure wine14/7/99 - meet at Girl Guide camp - look at Winter constellations
8/9/99 - Opening of Observatory
Future - Space program update, Moon, Planets, Photography/CCD, World observatories/telescopes, Book reviews, Bright stars
4. Membership New members - Gail Culverwell Prop J.Watson Sec R.Clifford
Deneys Mann Prop J.Watson Sec R.Clifford
5. Correspondence - Newsletters and June S&T
 - offer of 'eclipse shades' ??
 - occultation notes from D.Overbeek
 - phone calls from A.Gray and M.Christianson
6. Treasurer - Balance on hand R1811 (ASSA subs for 1999/2000 paid)
7. STARDUST - to be ready by 26/5/99
 - Agenda for AGM and minutes of last years AGM to be included
8. Library - RC has fitted a curtain to front of bookcase
 - BL not happy about being at the Observatory by herself
 - JW has received a donation of books and Star Atlas from Rev R.Wynn (Ixopo)
 - RC to scrounge a cupboard with large flat drawers for the storage of charts
9. P.R.O. - leaflets for Pmb.Tourism discussed further - BL agreed to print if Centre will purchase ink-jet cartridges - JW to get quotes from printers -(bigger logo, no contact names to be included, black/white versus colour, photos to be used ?, don't duplicate wording of activities)
 - invitations to Opening discussed - BL agreed to print as above - stronger yellow card to be used - should be personalised (typed names or good calligraphy)
10. Observatory & Instruments
 - second hand carpet in place, 'Dancer' mounting ready for setting in concrete - work party on 26/6/99 (pm + braai)
 - RC to acquire 10 more slabs as base for brick braai which J.Loughlin will build
 - Caravan lighting (battery + 6 fluor tubes) - approx R1000
 - more keys and more 2L plastic Coke bottles needed
11. Education - St.Annes DSG visited on 4&5/5/99 - donation of R375
 - Basic Astro course notes sent to R.Field
 - due to go to Cordwalles on 27/5/99 and St.Johns on 23/6/99
 - 1 application for Basic Astro course - contact N/Witness and/or The Mirror
12. General - long term venue could be the Girl Guide camp ?

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - MONDAY 14/6/99 at home of P.Hawkins