

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of P.Hawkins on 14/6/99

Present: R.Roth, J.Watson, P.Hawkins, B.Lawrence, W.Russell, R.Joubert

Apologies: R.Clifford, C.Lake

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

2. Office Bearers for 1999/2000

R.Roth - Chairman & Observing
J.Watson - Secretary & Education & Council Rep
P.Hawkins - Treasurer
B.Lawrence - P.R.O.
R.Clifford - Library & Observatory
W.Russell - 'Stardust'
C.Lake - Observatory & Education
(R.Joubert to attend committee meetings as an observer)

3. Matters arising - Thanks to CCB, BL and PH for successful AGM
- Observatory keys to C.Lake & G.Prosser
- Meritorious Service award to JW

4. Planning 26/6/99 - work party at observatory (pm + braai)
14/7/99 - more winter constellations - meet at GG camp
11/8/99 - Planetaria ??
8/9/99 - Opening of Observatory

5. Membership Mailing list has 59 paying members + 16 'honorary' members

6. Correspondence - Newsletters from other Centres
- ASSA request for ballot (Gill medal - Dr Ian Glass)

7. Treasurer - Balance on hand R1887 - need to repay RC some more money

8. STARDUST - thanks to WR for taking over - RR and BL to assist
- ready by 30/6/99

9. Library - RC already busy sorting out - 'new' cupboard available

10. P.R.O.- Observatory Opening (8/9/99)
a) Invitations - have been printed - S de Vos to inscribe
- guest list being drawn up
- to be sent out at end of June
b) Publicity - interview with 'The Mirror' on 17/6/99
c) Guest of Honour - JW to contact A.Gray and D.Overbeek
d) Display - history of the Centre
e) JW to be Mast of Cer - need generator (lighting)
f) Catering - snacks, tea, coffee, wine, apple juice
- Leaflets for Pmb Tourism etc - ready to be printed

11. Observatory & Instruments
- mounting for 'Dancer' nearly ready
- G.Prosser to build a temporary mounting (Dobsonian) for 12"
- RC finishing off the plinth - plots being cleared

12. Education - only 5 applications for BA course thus far
- Schools - Epworth (18/6/99) St.Johns (23/6/99)
- Other - G.Guides (19/6/99) and (1 - 2/7/99)
- Scouts (3/7/99)

13. General - plans for a planetarium - quotes/videos from Zeiss - to discuss with J.Londt again ?
- good to see L.Hearmon at the AGM (home for a visit from UK)

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 19/7/99 at home of J.Watson