

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of R.Roth on 16/8/99

Present: R.Roth, P.Hawkins, R.Clifford, W.Russell, J.Watson

Apologies: B.Lawrence, C.Lake, R.Joubert

1. Meeting commenced at 19:30 - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - thanks to WR (Stardust), RR (Talk on Planetaria) and JW (Basic Astro Course)
 - observatory keys given to C.Lake and G.Prosser
 - Mr C.Swann has donated 8" blank
3. Planning 8/9/99 Opening of Observatory
13/10/99 MOON evening (First quart) - membs to contribute
Venue: We can use the G.G.Camp on a regular basis (R25 a time)
JW to confirm dates with Mrs W.Surridge
4. Membership New members - Nitesh Mangaldave Prop J.Watson Sec R.Clifford.
Resignations - Gert Nel, Sheila Dale and Anette Dybwad (?)
Send G de Beer's address to A.Gray
Have at last managed to get an address for K.Schutz (+ cell)
5. Correspondence
Newsletters and Sept ember S&T
Annual database update at Strasbourg Observatory
SAAO Annual Report - 'Starbus' in Natal ?, Posters available
Occultation notices from D.Overbeek
UNP colloquium on SALT (20/8/99 - 10.45 - PLT1)
6. Treasurer - Balance on hand R4135 (Profit from B.A.Course R721)
 - Subs coming in - reminders next month
7. STARDUST - ready by 25/8/99 - Notice of Meeting to be 'Blocked' clearly
8. Library - inventory of books/videos/charts being typed up for circ.
 - new accessions - borrowing procedure - missing books ?
 - circulation list for S&T
9. P.R.O. - evrything on track for Opening of Observatory
 - Hire of chairs and crockery ?
 - invitations have gone out - have we thought of everybody ?
10. Observatory & Instruments
 - G.Prosser has finished 12" and installed it at observatory
 - 5" Dancer now on its new mounting
 - work party on 4/9/99 to clean up inside/outside (9.00 am)
 - Lighting (RR to go ahead with low power lights/battery)
 - generator 'on hold' for now
11. Education
 - 18/8/99 RR to talk to Pmb Radio Club
 - 25/8/99 JW (et al) at Cedara camp (approx 120 Kearsney boys)
 - Laddsworth (possibly on 1/9/99)
12. General
 - plan for 'public evenings' at Observatory - need to train up members
 - 'The Mirror' still keen to have a monthly column on Astro
 - meeting topics - Ancient Egypt, other weird things ?

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 13/9/99 AT HOME OF B.LAWRENCE