

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of W.Russell on 18/10/99

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

Apols: C.Lake, P.Hawkins, B.Lawrence, R.Joubert

1. Meeting commenced at 19:30 - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - Yvonne Spain keen to visit Observatory
- 'Moon' evening went well - 21 people attended
3. Planning 10/11/99 Alan Hill to give talk on Bronze Casting
Viewing of planets (Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus)
18/11/99 Leonids (best between 3 and 4 a.m.)
11/12/99 Xmas Party - sit-down dinner at MACS - R35 per head
Centre to provide wine, chips etc - BL to receive names by phone
Future - SAAO poster themes, Star-lore of SA, Extra-solar planets, Milky Way & Galaxies, Telescopes & Observatories, Radio Astro, Cosmology & B.Bang
4. Membership New member - Roy Kirkness Prop R.Roth Sec R.Clifford
Other news - M.Christianson recovering well, JW had a visit from R.Jarman, news of L.Hearmon in U.K.
- K.Hampson leaving Pmb to live in Uniondale
5. Correspondence Pmb Tourism AGM on 20/10/99
Letters from D.Overbeek, K.Chiswell, A.Turton
Newsletters from other Centres
Letters to D.Overbeek, A.Gray, ASSET Trust, S.Thomson, B.Broli
6. Treasurer No Balance available (PH on holiday)
Subs still coming in
R41 received from 'The Mirror' for RR's first article
R300 received from Kearsney College
G.Guides and Pmb Tourism paid
Agreed to waive S de Vos annual subs -(laminating of posters)
Query S.Dale subs - honorary member ?
7. STARDUST To be ready by 26/10/99
RR to supply write-up on Leonids
Library notes - new books & videos, missing items
8. Library Will be open at 19:00 before meetings
More new books and videos (18 videos in total now)
What to do with duplicate S&T magazines ?
Visitors book - D.Overbeek investigating brass plate
9. P.R.O. Leaflets for publicity - awaiting photos
Xmas dinner names
Observatory - public evenings - training ?
10. Observatory & Instruments
Braai area (J.Loughlin), Grass (I.Schroeder), young wattles !
Security gate (Alistair Lawrence to quote) - ~~INSURANCE~~ !
Glossies received from USA re portable planetarium and small projector - still very expensive with SA money.
More detailed plans of Education centre - letter to Assoc of Steel Tube re materials reqd for 7m x 7m building
Projects: Solar telescope, Radio telescope, Sundial, Obelisk, Planetarium projector, Weather station, Power using Solar/Wind devices?,
11. Education RR and JW at G.G Camp on 16/10/99 for JOTA day (+/- 40 Scouts and Guides in attendance)
12. General IZINKHANYEZI in early May 2000 - speakers required
Eclipse in Lusaka, Zambia on 21/6/2001 - camping accomm available with friend of RR

PHOTOS OF
OPENING ?

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 15/11/99 AT R.CLIFFORD'S