

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF P.HAWKINS ON 17/1/2000

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

Apologies : None - full house !

1. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - RR welcomed everybody back from the Xmas break
 - IZINKANYEZI (April 2000) - Durban Centre suggested a joint venture - we declined with thanks
3. Planning 9/2/2000 Radio Astronomy evening (Roger O'Neill or A.N.Other ?) - RR to arrange JW to give usual "Year Ahead" information
 - 8/3/2000 STAR LORE / MOON LORE (Africa et al) - BL to present
 - 29/3/2000 SCIFEST in Grahamstown until 4/4/2000
 - 12/4/2000 COSMOLOGY - latest theories etc - JW to present
 - 27/4/2000 IZINKANYEZI at Mooi River until 30/4/2000
 - 10/5/2000 Extra Solar Planets - what Hubble has found
 - Future Invite Fred Crookes (Howick) to give a talk
4. Membership New Member - Mr Fred Botes Prop R.Roth Sec C.Lake
 - Movements - K.Hampson to Uniondale - L.Hearmon was out from UK for Xmas
 - Other - JW had phone call from M.Streicher (Pietersburg)
 - RR showed Prof Tony Fairall the Observatory
5. Correspondence Newsletters from other Centres and letter from ASSA re Membership Drive
 - Interesting publications from United Nations and ITC
6. Treasurer Balance on hand R 1301,74
 - ASSA Handbooks have arrived (R 20 each) - Annual rental to Girl Guides of R 20
 - Apply for money for Observatory development from Foundation Res/Dev (FRD)
7. P.R.O. Xmas Party most enjoyable - thanks to RC and BL
 - Publicity - photos for brochures still O/S - put up posters in Libraries, Museum etc
 - Website in operation - ideas for monthly column in "The Mirror" and include contact address and telephone no
8. STARDUST (to be ready by 27/1/2000)
 - Include applications for IZINKANYEZI - details of SCIFEST - Captains Log - clearing of plots at Observatory - Email addresses of Committee - updated Telephone list
9. Library Open at 7.00 pm on 'meeting' evenings (CL to do duty on 9/2/2000) - phone RC for use at other times
 - S & T - more volumes complete and ready for binding - publicize circulation list
 - Many press cuttings - need another/bigger Scrapbook - publicize videos
10. Observatory & Instruments
 - Future development will need a small sub-committee ??? (Municipality - G/Guides - Structural Engineer - National Program of Education etc etc)
 - Glossy CV to be produced with full Business Plan - include history of the Centre
 - Weeds and wattle growth need urgent attention - 'Dancer' clean-up - Insurance
 - Security gate - still no response from A.Lawrence - try someone else ?
11. Education Nothing on the immediate program - book GG Hall for Basic Astro course in July
 - RC finishing pictures of constellations - JW to reorganise slides - training of members in use of telescopes at observatory
12. General JW retiring from City Computers at end of January - ask D.Overbeek to send Email occultation notices to RR at University

NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY 14 / 2 / 2000 AT HOME OF R.ROTH