MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF R.ROTH ON 14 FEB 2000

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

Apologies : P.Hawkins, B.Lawrence, R.Joubert Absent : W.Russell, C.Lake

1. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - R.Radford was unable to come to Feb meeting, but can come to March meeting
   - Handbooks selling well - must mention them in Stardust
   - R.Clifford will be attending Izinkanyezi - will take model of proposed Education Centre and his paintings of constellations
3. Planning 8/3/2000 STAR LORE / MOON LORE (Africa et al) - BL to present
   R.Radford - radio transmission using meteor trails
   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
   14/6/2000 A.G.M. - invite Fred Crookes (Howick) to give a talk, or lady from Museum ??
   22/6/2000 BASIC ASTRONOMY Course until 18/7/2000
   12/7/2000 July meeting - viewing ?
4. Membership New Members - Mr Pieter Fourie Prop: J.Watson Sec: R.Roth
   - Mrs Kerry Cooke Prop: R.Roth Sec: R.Clifford
   Prospects - Mr Alan Hill and his daughter Monique
5. Correspondence Letters from Kerry Hampson and Rusty Jarmain
   ASSA Council minutes and letter re ASSA Membership drive - M.Christianson phoned with regard to D.Overbeek's proposal re ASSA Banners
   SAAO Mailing list update request
   United Nations Space Science Workshop notice (27 - 30 June 2000 in Toulouse,France)
   R.Clifford has written to MMI (Baltimore,USA) requesting resources for Education
   Full programme for SCIFEST received
   Newsletter from STARLAB
6. Treasurer Balance on hand R 1172,95 (Bank R 962,95 Cheque R 30,00 Cash R 180,00)
   Handbooks and GG Rent paid - R 160,00 given to R.Roth for binding of S & T Magazines
   Cheque from Natal Witness for "Mirror" articles (R 46,41 made out to R.Roth)
7. P.R.O. Publicity - photos for brochures still O/S - put up posters in Libraries,Museum etc
   Photos of Observatory Opening still with S.de Vos - RC will take them to Izinkanyezi
   Next "Mirror" article due to be published this week (16/2/2000)
8. STARDUST (to be ready by 24/2/2000)
   Include ASSA Membership application forms (with explanation) - Handbooks available - info about Leicester National Space Science Centre (RC) - library notes (RC) - article on NEAR probe to Eros (RR) - clearing of plots - updated telephone list
9. Library More volumes of S & T to be bound - bigger Scrapbook purchased
10. Observatory & Instruments
    Visitors Book to be used
    Future development - must meet with Girl Guides - check lease,plans etc
    Well done to "grass cutters" - further work party on 26/2/2000
    Insurance - JW to investigate insuring of building / instruments / library contents
    'Dancer' clean-up still planned Security gate - try Les Holtze and/or Alan Hill
11. Education Pelham School visited Observatory (approx 30 Std 4 pupils)
    JW to reorganise slides - training of members in use of telescopes at observatory
    Basic Astro Course in June/July - hall booked (JW to update notes - database from BL)
    CD ROM of 'Clear Skies' - online astronomy course offered by Swinburne University of Technology,Australia - very good !!
12. General JW 'semi-retired' from City Computers at end of January - D.Overbeek is sending Email occultation notices to RR at University

NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY 13 / 3 / 2000 AT HOME OF J.WATSON