

Minutes of committee meeting held at the home of R. Joubert on 4/7/00

Present: R. Clifford, R. Joubert, R. Roth

Apologies: P. Hawkins, J. Watson, G. Culverwell, A. Hill, C. Lake

1. Meeting commenced at 19:00 - minutes of previous meeting accepted.
2. Office bearers for 2000/2001
 - RJ pointed out that he requested to be involved with the observatory as part of his portfolio
3. Matters Arising - RC has cut extra keys for observatory
4. Planning
 - 12/07/00 - Monthly Meeting - Guides - video "Reality on the rocks", preceded by constellation and telescope training session - Scorpius
 - 4 or 5 August - Viewing in the Midlands ('starparty') JW/Harry to organise (no meeting on the 9th)
 - GC has provided a long list of ideas for future meetings - galaxies (?), comets (earth grazers & global killers), Hubble saga, I.S.S., moon stations (feasibility?), Milky Way galaxy (our home), Star Trek (can it work?), the magellanic clouds, Orion's invisible mysteries (radio range), quasars, ice ages, Stonehenge, black holes.
 - Other suggestions: calendars/time/sundials - starlore, 'questions you're afraid to ask', 'your speed through the universe' - Andrew Gray, star charts (origins, etc.).
5. Membership
 - 5 potential new members
 - NMC membership now: 42 x individual/family, 22 student/pensioner, 19 honorary (including other societies).
6. Correspondence Letter and 'glossy' from Planetarium
7. Treasurer
 - Current finances:

bank	1718.36
Cash	113.80
8. Stardust
 - to be ready by 20/07/00 (include response from Fred Crooks to K. Greggor's letter)
 - put good web site addresses in Stardust - RR
9. Library No report
10. P.R.O.
 - GC's ideas for fund raising: 'Pig & Whistle' type (?), movie prèmier (space theme) with cheese and wine, dinner/dance, lotto ticket (1 year), race day, breakfast with famous person, cake sales, solar maximum (come and see the sunspots), raffles, designer t-shirts (screenprint), kids day (cover charge), beerfest.
 - PMB's twin city - Hampton, USA - possible funds? - RC
 - continue with Centre history - RR
 - school curriculae - do they include astronomy?
 - produce lists of schools we've given presentations to for 'glossy' P.R.O. and fund raising - JW
11. Observatory and Instruments
 - 'new' adopt-a-plot map, posts, white rocks? - RC/RJ
 - ask membership at next meeting to adopt-a-plot - RJ
 - fluorescent lamp from Philip - offer him R50-00 - RR
12. Education
 - Invite public to view Taurus conjunction on 27th July from Girl Guides parking - members to help - RR
13. General - 'better' finder for PF12 (perhaps a 'Telrad' finder?) - ask Jeff Prosser
 - get-well card to Philip - RC

next meeting 1st September at RR's.

August