MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE W/V OBSERVATORY ON 3 OCTOBER 2000

Present : R.Roth, R.Clifford, A.Hill, G.Culverwell
Apologies : P.Hawkins, J.Watson Absent : C.Lake, R.Joubert

1. Meeting commenced at 7.00pm - minutes of previous meeting accepted

2. Matters arising - excellent evening at University - RR to send thanks to Vincent Couling
   - welcome back to RC

3. Planning 25/10/2000 JW/CL to address KZN Tourguides Assoc at the observatory
   8/11/2000 Arthur Arnold (Durban Centre) to give talk on 'Archaeo Astronomy"
   9/12/2000 Xmas party - suggestion of re-visiting McMuddles (Currys Post) for a braai/viewing evening - will need to be arranged with owners - maps required
   Future GC to prepare questions for a quiz evening

4. Membership New Members Willem v.d.Merwe Proposed R.Roth Seconded A.Hill
   Vernon Isaac " R.Clifford " R.Roth

5. Correspondence SAAO Annual Report received - also newsletters from Transvaal and P.Elizabeth
   A.H. to write to Sky & Telescope detailing our involvement in encouraging young people to get involved with astronomy - will enclose photos (daughter Monique with Sirius & ASSA members etc)

6. Treasurer Balance on hand : R 3591,59 (O/S subs approx R 1670,00)
   Fund raising required to pay off debt on Observatory

7. STARDUST (to be ready by 25/10/2000)
   AH to supply article on the building of an Equatorial platform for his Dobsonian mounting
   RR to prepare some 'News from Space' snippets extracted off the Internet
   Subscription reminder and library report

8. Library Donation of books by Ms G.Archer received - GC to write letter of thanks
   GC to phone D.Mann re S&T donation, and also give 2 years S&T to RR for binding

9. P.R.O. Agreed to print approx 100 new brochures/application forms - AH to investigate printing rather than photocopying - need diskette from B.Lawrence ?
   RR to contact Dr P.Green (Aylesbury Ice-cream !) re display in his Hayfields shop

10. Observatory & Instruments
    AH has the material for security gate - T.Morley busy with the mountings
    Braai area to be re-sited next to driveway on North side of the observatory
    G.Prosser to be approached reagarding a rifle sight for 12" telescope
    Work party on 12 November 2000

11. Education RC to contact P.Martinez (SAAO) re funding for Education Centre
    Verulam Brownies enjoyed visit to observatory
    Les Brown of Minerva Club (Golden Pond) would like an astronomical talk with a Christmas/Religious theme on 20/12/2000 (att JW)

12. General AH to give sun-dial demonstration again at some future date

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 31 OCTOBER 2000 at the Observatory at 7:00 pm