

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF A.HILL ON 20 March 2001

Present: R.Clifford, A.Hill, P.Hawkins, R.Joubert, J.Watson

Apologies: R.Roth      Absent: C.Lake      Resigned: G.Culverwell

1. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - thanks to RR et al for contributions to Centre meeting on 14/3/2001 which was well attended
  - L.Hearmon keen to be on Committee, but not happy about Librarianship (remoteness of observatory etc) JW suggested she takes over Secretarial duties, and he will look after library (and observatory ?)
  - SCIFEST - nobody able to go - vague rumours of an Expo having taken place in Durban recently ?
3. Planning Wed 28/3/2001 to Tue 3/4/2001 - SASOL SCIFEST in Grahamstown
  - Fri 6/4/2001 - Observatory evening
  - Wed 11/4/2001 - Forum on International Space Station - JW
  - Fri 20/4/2001 - Observatory evening
  - Fri 4/5/2001 - Observatory evening
  - Wed 9/5/2001 - Degenerate Matter in star birth/death - JW
  - Fri 18/5/2001 - Observatory evening
  - Fri 1/6/2001 - Observatory evening
  - Wed 13/6/2001 - Annual General Meeting
  - Fri 15/6/2001 - Observatory evening
  - Thu 21/6/2001 - Solar Eclipse in Zambia
  - JW to send notices to Natal Witness, Village Talk regarding Observatory evenings
  - New lecturer at UNP Physics Dept is Dr Catherine Cress
  - Little interest from members in assisting with Star Party on 21/7/2001 - project abandoned !!
4. Membership Roger Mike Culverwell Prop J.Watson Sec P.Hawkins
  - will take over Gail Culverwell's membership
5. Correspondence
  - MNASSA and newsletters from other Centres
  - email from M.Christianson re Banner - can spend R500 ?
  - Durban Centre booking accom for Solar Eclipse in Dec 2002
6. Treasurer
  - balance on hand R 3312,58 (Subs in R 20)
7. STARDUST (to be ready by 28/3/2001)
  - AH to submit leader article
  - include Member telephone number updates and advertise missing issues of S&T
8. Library JW has not been able to locate missing laminated posters yet
9. P.R.O.
  - Replace Star Party with lots of 'open' evenings at the Observatory during July ?
  - Calendar - RR still working on it
10. Observatory & Instruments
  - Building and Instruments need a good clean - wheels tight ?
  - Timber harvesters have smashed viewing slabs - letter to Girl Guides and Pmb Municipality
  - PH to contact Herman Buchler re rifle-sight & sleeve
  - JW to contact KZ222 re a 'grant-in-aid'
  - AH still following up on solar panel system from BP

11. Education

- 1 candidate already for the Basic Astro course in July
- anybody interested in running an Advanced course ?
- nothing further from casino developers

12. General

- Greetings from Andrew Gray and Mike Christianson conveyed by PH
- RR and AH attending the UNP non-mathematical Physics course

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 17 April 2001 at home of P.HAWKINS at 7.30pm  
(Venue to be confirmed)