

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF P.HAWKINS ON 24 APRIL 2001

Present : R.Roth, R.Clifford, J.Watson, P.Hawkins, R.Joubert, C.Lake

Apologies : A.Hill

1. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - ISS 'forum' moved to 18/4/2001 due to JW not being available, and also to Easter holidays - thanks to all committee members who contributed material to the evening - Comm meeting also 1 week later.
3. Planning
 - Fri 4/5/2001 and 18/5/2001 - Observatory evenings
 - Wed 9/5/2001 - Degenerate matter in star birth/death (JW), S.Polar constellations (RC)
 - Sun 13/5/2001 - Work party at Observatory
 - Sat 19/5/2001 and Sun 20/5/2001 - Prof David Block at Grace Fellowship, Bisley
 - Fri 1/6/2001 and 15/6/2001 - Observatory evenings
 - Wed 13/6/2001 - Annual General Meeting
 - Thu 21/6/2001 - Solar Eclipse in Zambia
 - Thu 28/6/2001 until Tue 24/7/2001 - Basic Astronomy Course
 - Fri 6/7/2001 and 20/7/2001 - Observatory evenings - maybe every Friday for public awareness ?
 - Wed 11/7/2001 - Public showing of Fred Crooks video "THE COSMIC CONSTANT" - PH to investigate a suitable venue (St Johns church ?) - charge to be made
4. Membership Apologies from D.Kain due to his wife (Maisie) not being well
5. Correspondence
 - May S&T and newsletters from other Centres
 - apols from Durban for breakdown in e-mail transmission of NDABA
 - letter written to City Forestry regarding damage caused at observatory by timber harvesters
6. Treasurer Balance on hand (at 31/3/2001): R 3312,58
Annual subs to ASSA (inc S&T) expected to be approx R 450
7. STARDUST (ready by 25/4/2001) - will include flier advertising David Block's visit and the Basic Astronomy course
8. Library - JW is 'caretaker' until AGM - book accession up to date - videos donated by RC and RR
9. P.R.O. - Calendar - RR and RC latest ideas/ design based on Zulu lunar year (13 months) with 1 constellation and 1 deep-sky object per month - could theoretically last for 15 years !!
 - must make an all-out effort for publicity during July - Observatory evenings every week etc
10. Observatory & Instruments
 - G.Prosser has agreed to clean up the 12" telescope - JW and RC to take it down to him
 - PH has contacted H.Buchler re rifle sight and sleeve on 12" - wants to inspect it with JW
 - RR working on a 'star-projector' - needs old slide projectors for their condensing lenses
 - JW still to contact KZ22 re a grant-in aid
 - work party called for Sunday 13/5/2001
11. Education - JW to give slide show and viewing evening at Cowan House on 25/5/2001 (7pm - approx 70)
 - there are now 5 candidates for Basic Astro course in June/July
12. General - Prof David Block at Grace Fellowship, 27 Holder Road, Bisley as follows:-
 - Sat 19/5/2001 - 6.30pm - 'Our Universe - Accident or Design' followed by question/answers
 - Sun 20/5/2001 - 9.00am - Cafe morning - question/answer session

NEXT MEETING - **Tuesday 15 May 2001** at home of **R. Clifford** at **7:30 pm**