

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF P. HAWKINS ON 26 JUNE 2001

Present : P. Hawkins, R.Clifford, R.Joubert, J.Watson, A. Hill, F. de Bruyn, P. Wessels, T. Morley

Apologies : R. Roth

1. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - in the absence of R.Roth, P.Hawkins took the chair, and welcomed the new committee members
 - FB queried the availability of any video recording of David Block's presentation
 - Voortrekker Museum available for screening of Fred Crooks' video, but deposit of R500 a bit steep
 - JW reported that S. de Vos had travelled by bus to Zambia to witness the total solar eclipse
 - Committee meetings will **henceforth** be on the Monday after the Centre's monthly meeting
3. Office Bearers

Chairman : R.Roth	Vice Chairman : P.Hawkins	Secretary : J.Watson
Treasurer : R.Clifford	Library: T.Morley	Obs Site : R.Joubert
ASSA Rep : J.Watson	Newsletter : R.Roth	Obs & Instr : A.Hill
P.R.O. : P.Wessels	Planning : F. de Bruyn	Education : J.Watson
4. Planning

Thu 28/6/2001	until Tue 24/7/2001	- Basic Astronomy Course
Fri 6/7/2001, 13/7/2001, 20/7/2001 and 27/7/2001		- Observatory evenings - advertise in the press
Wed 11/7/2001		- Public showing of Fred Crooks video "THE COSMIC CONSTANT"
		- it was agreed that the usual venue (Girl Guide Hall) was suitable - advertising crucial !!
Sun 15/7/2001		- Work Party at the observatory site
Wed 8/8/2001		- programme on Messier - the man and his 'objects' - RC to discuss a further constellation
Wed 9/9/2001		- Gravity waves ??
Wed 10/10/2001		- visit University - invite Dr Cresswell to speak
		Christmas Party - should start planning now ?
5. Membership - enquiry from Ms Jan Reed
6. Correspondence - Letters written to - L.Hill - thanks for new brochures
 - City Forestry - thanks for slab replacements
 - A. Gray - thanks for S&T magazines and check insurance quotation
 - M.Christianson - query of handbook, ASSA mins, banner and Dark SkiesReply letters received from A.Gray and M.Christianson (+ ASSA Council minutes)
7. Treasurer Balance on hand R 673,30 - Subs invoices to go out with July STARDUST - stick to Budget !
Donation box at Observatory evenings proving to be successful (R120 the first night)
8. STARDUST (ready by 27/6/2001) - RR has everything done except details of Office Bearers and program for 11/7/2001
9. Library - keys required for TM and PH (retrieve keys from C.Lake) - RC furiously copying TV programs onto video
10. P.R.O. - advertising for BA course and Observatory evenings done - do the same for F.Crooks video
11. Observatory & Instruments
 - AH has reconditioned the 2.5" refractor donated to the Centre years ago, and will trim the roof at the next work party to stop it scraping on the door when being opened (PW has a 5 kw portable generator)
 - G.Prosser has refurbished & cleaned the 12" reflector - JW to write letter of thanks
12. Education - JW has an extremely heavy program during July (BA course, Minerva club, Howick cubs, Inanda cubs, Isipingo Rotary leadership)
 - Observatory evenings to be considered educational as well - other members must be involved

NEXT MEETING - **Monday 16 July 2001 at 7.30 pm** at home of P.Wessels (6 Highland Road, Sweetwaters)