

ASSA - NATAL MIDLANDS CENTRE  
Committee Meeting held at the home of Mr. Philip Hawkins - 15 October 2001

- Present: PH, RJ & RR
- Apologies: FdB, RC, AH, TM, JW, PW
- Matters Arising: RJ pointed out incorrect use of apostrophe - "it's" in Stardust - editor will correct in future. Good turnout at previous meeting - PH and RR thanked for their contributions.
- Planning: **November 14<sup>th</sup>** - Questions and Answers - southern constellations - RC. Invite Geoff Prosser to field questions - PH  
**December 1<sup>st</sup>** - Christmas party at Ukulinga still on track - advertise in next Stardust - RR  
*← Prop RC Sec*
- Membership: New member - Angus Ovendale. Reinstated - P.M.K. McArthur.
- Correspondence: Letter from Belinda Gordon re. public viewing evening.
- Treasurer: Anticipated expenditure for the rest of this year is at least R3000.00  
Cash in hand - R8.65  
Cash in bank - R3847.69  
17 subs still outstanding - Arminé has money, but can't pay as she is unable to attend meetings! If debtors don't receive Stardust - saving of R400.00.
- Stardust: Will be ready by 31 October 2001.
- Library: TM has proposed that Colin take over library - from February 2002 (will TM step down from committee ?). Contact TM re. S & T binding - RR
- P.R.O.: Nothing to report.
- Observatory: Grounds looking good. Dob. stands to be levelled - fill cracks with sand/cement mix ? Plans for braai area shelved. Demarcate parking area - JW to clear use of 'new' entrance with Girl Guides. Work Party - 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. PF12 still difficult to use (putting people off telescopes!) - new finder required - sources ? Planetarium projector - RJ has contacts for projector lenses. Plans for sit-on cupboard - ask RC if he will draw them - PH has carpenter contact - needs plans. Guy Dewar has produced several (good) red lights for observatory - invite him to next committee meeting to try them out.
- Education: RR to do talk to 3<sup>rd</sup> Cubs on 19<sup>th</sup> October - making planispheres.
- General: Next committee meeting - 19 November in the Observatory.