

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT WORLDS VIEW OBSERVATORY ON 19 NOVEMBER 2001

Present : R. Roth, R. Joubert, P. Hawkins, F. de Bruyn, J. Watson

Apologies : P. Wessels, T. Morley, R. Clifford, A. Hill

1. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm - minutes of previous meeting accepted
2. Matters arising - Q and A meeting on 14/11/2001 successful and well attended
 - Colin Kay to be invited to take over the Library next year (TM happy to stand down)
 - Leonid viewing not too good (surprise, surprise !)
3. Planning

Sat	1/12/2001	- Christmas party - will use the hall at Ukalinga - bring own food and drinks - Centre will provide braai fires, chips etc, cask(s) of wine / juice
		<u>N.B.</u> No more Observatory evenings for the public until April 2002 - JW to inform the N.Witness
Wed	13/2/2002	- First General Meeting of the the new year - to be planned at Comm Meeting on 14/1/2002 FUTURE IDEAS - The 4 forces of Nature, Space Art, Image processing, Saturn & probes
4. Membership

- <u>New Members</u>	Roy Moffitt	Prop J.Watson	Sec F.de Bruyn
	John de Lange	J.Watson	P.Hawkins
- P.Wessels in hospital after surgery - JW to send "get-well" card			
5. Correspondence
 - Letter + article on Mars from Peter Mata, Eastbourne Ast Soc, UK (Anne Turton the link) - letter of reply sent by RR
 - Letter written to TOPCROP re grass supplied to TM
 - N/Letters from other Centres + MNASSA with obituary re Danie Overbeek by B.Fraser
 - N/Letter from STARLAB - Ernst Marais is a S.African user - where is he ?
 - SASOL SCIFEST 2002 notice - PMB TOURISM brochure (no mention of Observatory !!)
 - list of useful web-sites and educational resources in the UK (JW got them at Jodrell Bank last year !)
6. Treasurer
 - Balance (at 18/11/2001) R 4699.69
 - PH proposed further repayment of o/s loan - after discussion decided to use 'excess' funds for essential things such as Pub.Liability Insurance, sit-on cupboard, plot maintenance etc etc
7. STARDUST (to be ready by 30/1/2002)
8. Library - TM has taken **all** the past copies of S&T for binding - this will cost quite a lot !
9. P.R.O.
 - advertising at P&P in Hayfields continues - FdeB to claim costs
 - permanent adverts needed at Libraries, Museum and Pmb Tourism
 - schedule of dates to be sent to N.Witness 'Diary', Mirror 'Pinboard' and Village Talk 'Whats On"
10. Observatory & Instruments
 - Guy Dewar demonstrated a number of ideas re red LED lights for the observatory - after discussion, it was agreed to order 2 of the 25 LED models at a cost of approx R 50,00 each
 - 2 remaining fluoresceent lights to be purchased and fitted
 - RC has drawn plans for sit-on cupboard and given them to PH (carpenter now rather doubtful ?)
 - Obs Door to be fixed, 12" PF reflector to be collimated and rifle sight fitted (AH)
 - viewing platforms to be levelled and stolen slabs replaced (RJ)
 - new entrance to be given the O.K. by Girl Guides (JW)
 - Work Party on Sun 25/11/2001 to attack overgrown grass etc (JW to contact Alex Scafturis again !)
 - RR continues with development of 'planetarium' projector
11. Education - Baptist Church no longer need to borrow the OH Projector - JW has replaced both blown globes (at R 120 each ! - cost to be shared between Centre and Church) - OHP now stored in observatory
12. General - JW to follow up on Insurance

NEXT MEETING - Monday 14 January 2002 at 7.30 pm at home of R.Roth