



Astronomical Society of Southern Africa
Natal Midlands Centre

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12 JUNE 2002

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEMBERS

Roger Clifford
Lynne Hermon
Fritzie de Bruyn
Phillip Hawkins
Willem van der Merwe
Rohan Stuart-Muir
Roy Joubert
Rogan Zook
Keith Greggor
Steve de Vos
Alan Wolf
Monique Hill
John Watson

VISITORS

Donovan Whitfield
Paul Burden
Dale du Preez
Gordon Grant-Stuart
Bruce Alcock
Nick Hanley
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APOLOGIES

Trevor Motley
John Housiezz
Colin Kay
Cyrus Owendale

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NATAL MIDLANDS CENTRE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Girl Guide Hall, Worlds View, Pietermaritzburg on 12 June 2002

1. The Chairman, Mr Rogan Roth, declared the meeting open at 19h30, and welcomed the 13 members present. Apologies had been received from 4 members, and there were 10 visitors, including Mr D. Whitfield and 8 boys from Hilton College
2. Minutes of the AGM held in June 2000

The minutes of last year's AGM were handed out, and were accepted unanimously without being read aloud.
Proposed Mr P. Hawkins Seconded Mr F. de Bruyn
3. Matters Arising

No matters arising regarding the 2000/2001 minutes
4. Chairman's Report

Mr Roth reported on the various activities of the Centre as follows :-

 - a) A brief review of monthly meetings and other regular activities - Xmas party to be replaced by mid-winter function
 - b) The Education programme, with thanks to J. Watson and all others involved
 - c) Observatory program, and the need to keep the site in good order
 - d) Membership statistics (85 members and 17 adherents)
 - e) "STARDUST" and the N.M. Centre Web-page
 - f) The growing library facility, with many new books, magazines and videos
 - g) The need for more aggressive PRO work to raise funds and attract new members
 - h) Future plans for development of the observatory site (Education centre, Planetarium etc) - Lotto application
 - i) Meritorious Award for 2001/2002 presented to Mr Trevor Morley (for his efforts in clearing Observatory site)
 - j) Thanks to the outgoing committee

Proposed Mr F. de Bruyn Seconded Mr R. Joubert
5. Treasurers Report
 - a) Mr Clifford tabled a proposal to increase the annual subscriptions as follows:-

Individuals/Families - from R75 to R80	Students/Seniors - from R40 to R50
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This was accepted unanimously
Proposed Mr P. Hawkins Seconded Mr F. de Bruyn
 - b) Mr Clifford handed out copies of the Statement of Income & Expenditure for the 2001/2002 year which reflected :-

i) Bank Balance of R 2086,69	ii) Cash on Hand of R 336,25
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Report accepted with vote of thanks (P.Hawkins) Proposed Ms L. Hearmon Seconded Mr R. Roth
 - c) Loan repayment (as detailed in Mr Clifford's notes to the I&E report) to be considered by new committee
 - d) New committee asked to investigate possibility of sending out monthly newsletter STARDUST by e-mail
6. Election of Office Bearers 2000/2001
 - a) The following members were nominated and elected

R.Roth, J.Watson, P.Hawkins, R.Clifford, F.de Bruyn, T.Morley (re-election)
Mr C.Kay and Ms L.Hearmon (new-election)

Proposed Mr R.Stuart-Hill Seconded Mr R.Joubert
 - b) First meeting of new committee to be held on 24 June 2002 at the home of P.Hawkins
7. Other Business
 - a) Basic Astronomy training course due to begin on 27/6/2002
 - b) R.Clifford and others planning a visit to Sutherland during Easter holidays in 2003
8. Meeting closed at 20h15, after which all those present enjoyed some refreshments and the screening of the video "Eye on the Universe" (the building of the ELT)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ASSA. NATAL MIDLANDS CENTRE.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 13th JUNE 2001 to 12th JUNE 2002

1. BROUGHT FORWARD AT 14th JUNE 2001

BANK R 2401 : 00c

CASH R 279 : 43c

TOTAL R 2681 : 42c

2. INCOME

R 6087 : 85c

3. EXPENDITURE

R 6346 : 33c

4. TOTAL ASSET:

R 2422 : 04c

MADE UP OF

BANK R 2086 : 60c

CASH R 336 : 25c

R 2422 : 04c

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 TREASURER
 A.S.S.A.
 NATAL MIDLANDS CENTRE

BUDGETED INCOME R 6030
 2001-2002. } EXPENDITURE R 5500

ACTUAL R 6087 : 85c

ACTUAL R 6346 : 33c

THE EXPENDITURE INCLUDES A R1500 LOAN REPAYMENT ACCOUNTED FOR AS A LIABILITY IN THE 2001-2002 ACCOUNTS. THIS MAKES ACTUAL EXPENDITURE OF R4846:33c BUT WITH LIABILITIES OF ± R1500 FOR SITE CLEARANCE, LIGHTING & COPYING. IF A FURTHER LOAN REPAYMENT OF R1500 IS MADE THE CENTRE WILL HAVE R681:42c AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. (THE LOAN WOULD BE REDUCED TO R10672:02c.)

THE BUDGET. (SEE OVERLEAF) ANTICIPATES AN INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE OF ± 10% WHICH, IT IS PROPOSED TO MEET WITH AN INCREASE IN SUBS TO R80 FOR INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES AND TO R50 FOR STUDENTS AND PENSIONERS. AN ACTUAL INCREASE FROM R3592:50c TO R4070:00c.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE CENTRE
SCHEDULES ITS ASSETS BASED ON TAKING
STOCK IN THE OBSERVATORY: FOR EXAMPLE.

1. BUILDING.

36 M² x R 1500 EQUALS R 54000

2. EQUIPMENT.

125 MM REFRACTOR

300 MM REFLECTOR

SLIDE PROJECTORS

OVERHEAD PROJECTOR

BATTERIES.

LIGHTING.

OTHER TELESCOPES.

EXTENSIONS

3. LIBRARY.

FURNITURE

BOOKS

TAPES.

POSTERS

MAGAZINES.

4. CATERING.

FLASK

CROCKERY.

ACCESSORIES.

5. LIABILITIES.

SITE CLEARANCE & MAINTENANCE

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

SIGNS.

EQUIPMENT UPGRADING & MAINTENANCE.

R.  TREASURER
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BUDGET 2002-2003.

AVAILABLE FROM 2001-2002. R 681:42c

INCOME


SALES (HANDBOOKS, TAPE HIKE ETC)	450
COURSE	1000
SUBS.	4100
DONATIONS	1000
INTEREST.	20
TOTAL.	<u>R 6570.</u>

EXPENDITURE

A.S.S.A. (Includes sky & telescope)	500
HANDBOOKS	420
POST BOX	220
POSTAGE	1500
GOODWILL	200
COURSES	400
CATERING.	350
COPYING.	600
STATIONERY	400
TOURISM.	60
HALL / LEASE	300
SUNDRIES. (EQUIPMENT, OBSERVATORY)	850
TOTAL	<u>R 6100.</u>

ANTICIPATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR .
2002-2003.

R.1151:42c

R.  TREASURER
A.S.S.A.
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INCOME	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MCH.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
SALES (VIDEOS) <small>(HANDBOOKS)</small>		20.00				4.00		60.00	300.00	24.00	4.00	24.00		436.00
COURSE		25.00	772.19											797.19
SUBS.		1365.00	500.00	495.00	850.00	190.00	40.00	175.00		37.50				3592.50
DONATIONS	50.00	390.00	55.00	192.35	50.00	25.00			5.00	1.00				768.35
OBSERVATORY	127.16	103.10	183.08		20.00						45.00			478.34
INTEREST		2.14		0.83	1.40	3.32		0.88	00.82	3.66		2.42		15.47
TOTAL	177.16	1905.24	1510.27	688.18	921.40	222.32	40.00	175.88	305.82	66.16	49.00	26.42	-	6087.80
EXPENDITURE														
A.S.S.A./HANDBOOKS	480.00							320.00						800.00
POST BOX / BK DBT.		00.60				00.20	200.00	00.20	00.20	00.20		00.20		201.60
AWARD / GOODWILL						10.80							150.00	160.80
KEYS				16.00	20.50									36.50
POSTAGE		122.20	142.45	140.60	132.25	133.10	-	14.00	121.05	167.90	124.30	136.80	139.50	1379.10
COURSE														
CATERING	23.30		59.27	18.47	11.08	20.93		91.25	36.36		10.38	34.65		305.60
COPIES			120.50	41.50	55.25	53.00		6.00	46.75		91.75	43.00		457.70
STATIONERY			166.09								69.85			234.90
TOURISM					50.00									50.00
TAPES	89.95							29.95			60.00			179.90
LOAN	1500.00													1500.00
EQUIPMENT.			25.00			145.00						200.00		370.00
SITE								275.00	40.00					315.00
HALL/LEASE			75.00	75.00		50.00		95.00			60.00			355.00
	2093.25	127.80	588.31	291.57	269.08	413.03	200.00	831.40	244.36	168.10	415.28	414.65	289.50	6346.00

TREASURER
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2002/2003 COMMITTEE

Chairman	Mr P. Hawkins
Secretary	Ms L. Hearmon
Treasurer	Mr R. Clifford
Newsletter	Mr R. Roth
Observatory	Mr T. Morley
Instruments	Mr J. Watson
Library	Mr C. Kay
Council Rep	Mr J. Watson
P.R.O.	Mr R. Roth
Education	Mr J. Watson
Prog & Research	Mr F. de Bruyn

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JULY.

INCOME

DBS PWD.	55.00.	
COURSE	840.00	
SUBS	1370.00	
Donations.	490.00	(includes New Haven.)
Interest.	00.39.	

2755.39

EXPENDITURE

ASS. A. / S. & T.	600.00
Gov Levy.	00.20
STATIONERY.	12.61
POSTAGE.	139.50.

752.31

EXCESS INCOME

2003.08

C.F.

715.36

2718.44

FUNDS IN-HAND: MAKE UP BY.

CASH.

✓ 346.29 ✓

BANK.

✓ 2221.65

SECRETARY. FLOAT.

150.50

2718.44