

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the home of P Hawkins on 19 August 2002

Present: F de Bruyn, C Kay, L Hearmon, P Hawkins, J Watson, R Roth

Apologies: R Clifford

1. Meeting commenced at 19:30.
2. Matters Arising
In the previous minutes F de Bruyn's title of Programme Manager (research & planning) was omitted. Apologies were given and it is now duly noted.
3. Planning
 - September meeting – Rogan to speak on meteorites.
 - It was agreed that A Hill's talk at the last meeting was very well received.
4. Membership
 - We welcomed Mr Paul Inman as a new member.
 - Mr J Schuermans to be sent membership forms.
5. Correspondence

Sent:

 - Sympathy card was sent to M Christianson's family upon his passing last week.
 - Letter to Lottery board.

Received:

 - 2 MNASSA, Dbn Newsletter, Canopus, Cape Observer, Pretoria newsletter, PE newsletter.
 - Letter from PMB tourism regarding membership. Committee to withdraw membership – Leanne to correspond.
 - Letter from Rusty Jarman.
 - E-Mails received by Rogan. Firstly, S & T will be in SA in December and would like to meet with the Natal Midlands Centre. Rogan will request further information. Secondly a Mr A Botha who produces Astronomical posters has sent samples of his work.

To send:

 - Leanne to write to Girl Guides requesting the use of the hall for our December meeting, and a friendly reminder to fix the light fixture.
6. Treasurer
 - July bank balance was stated at R2 718.44.
 - A number of members have also paid in their full subs.
 - It was suggested that in future in the Treasurers absence that the receipt and bank book be left with the secretary.
7. Stardust
 - It was decided that unless a substantial amount of people wanted Stardust on e-mail it would remain being dispatched as a hard copy via post.
8. Library
 - A number of S & T's are missing (May, Sep '90; Apr – June '97; May, Apr, June '02). These dates will be published in Stardust in an attempt to recover them.
 - Duplicates of S & T exist for 1998 & 1999.
 - Colin suggested that a ticket system be put in place in order to keep better track of the books.
 - It was also suggested that we sell off the duplicate S & T's and some of the old Science Fiction books in an effort to raise money.

9. P.R.O
 - Rogan has e-mailed newspapers with regard to the viewing evenings, whether the papers actually publish these is entirely another storey.
 - Phillip got quotes for our banner, but these turned out to be very costly. Rogan to investigate cheaper options.
 - John & Rogan will be meeting the people at the museum to discuss the Planatarium they are hiring; the museum have requested that we are involved.

10. Observatory & Instruments
 - A Hill has fixed the dancer.
 - Observatory evenings for September are the 6th & 20th.
 - Ray Moffett has contacted Rogan and has offered the Society use, & curatorship, of an Illuminising Plant from Mars Engineering.

11. Education
 - John thanked all those who helped him with the Astronomy course and commented on the excellent talks given by Joan Houston.
 - July's education dates went very well. A donation from New Hanover School was received and ± 50 people attended the Rotary Leadership training on the 17th.

12. General
 - Frikkie brought the committee's attention to the Danie Overbeek Memorial lecture that is to be given at the Pretoria Symposium by Janet Mattei.
 - John suggested that we try to pay more toward the loan from Roger.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed @ 9:10. Next committee meeting will be held at the home of Colin Kay (3 Chalet Drive, Hilton) on 16 September.