

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the home of R Roth on 16 October 2002

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

Apologies: R Clifford

1. Meeting commenced at 19:30.
2. Matters Arising
No matters arising from previous minutes.
3. Planning
 - November – Sunspots, sundials, eclipses etc – open forum, Rogan to lead, John & Trevor to assist.
 - December – C. Kay, String theory.
 - Philip thanked Frikkie for his talk on Early Universe – a quantum theory at the previous meeting.
4. Membership
 - Tribute was paid to the late Mr Mike Christianson in the MNASSA.
5. Correspondence

Received:

 - PE Newsletter, Canopus, Pretoria newsletter.
 - Letter from Lorraine Christianson thanking the society for the card sent to her.

Sent:

 - Letter to PMB tourism, cancelling our membership.
 - Letter to Girl Guides requesting use of the hall for our December meeting.
6. Treasurer
 - September bank balance was stated at R4423.82.
 - Approx. R870 outstanding subs.
 - In respect of the 'enter @ own risk' sign, Colin will speak to his son in law (a lawyer) regarding the legalities of this.
7. Stardust
 - Summary of Frikkie's speech at the previous meeting will be included in the Stardust.
8. Library
 - Some tapes are still missing – 'Stephen Hawking's Universe' episodes 2-5 & '6 Experiments that changed the world'.
 - 2 more books were sold at the previous meeting.
9. P.R.O
 - Frikkie brought samples of the banner for the committee to see. The committee was delighted with the drafts and agreed to go ahead with the banner.
 - The Planetarium is supposedly arriving at the museum in the first week of November, for a stay of 3 weeks. John has been dealing with Mr Croeser there, who has asked that some of the society members present a few lectures during this time. A display will also be put up at the museum.

10. Observatory & Instruments

- Work party was badly supported. Harry however did bring along his mower. John suggested that the society invest in their own mower.
- Trevor advised that he will attend to the grounds at the observatory and arrange future work parties.
- John will approach Geoff Prosser with regard to cleaning the mirror of the 12" reflector.
- John suggested that we store the Dancer's tube and optics away over the summer period.
- It was noted that the door of the Observatory is needing repair, or more likely, in need of replacement.

11. Education

- John went to Hilton Woman's Institute on 9 October 2002.
- John was contacted by Eileen Stevens, who runs a Stroke Aid group, to discuss giving them a talk at one of their meetings. Phillip to contact her.

12. General

- The SA Institute of Foresters has approached Trevor requesting if one of the society members could give them a talk sometime next year.
- Rogan presented the Meritorious Service award to Trevor, following his absence from the AGM.

The meeting was declared at 9:05. Next committee meeting will be held at the home of P Hawkins on 18 November 2002.