

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the home of P Hawkins on 18 November 2002

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

1. Meeting commenced at 19:40.
2. Matters Arising
No matters arising from previous minutes.
3. Planning
 - December – C. Kay, String theory.
 - November meeting at the Museum was a great success. Thanks were expressed to John, Trevor and Rogan for their presentations.
4. Membership
 - Further newspaper articles, 4 interested members of the public will be sent Stardust's next month.
 - Various members have been suspended due to not paying their subs.
5. Correspondence

Received:

 - Durban, Cape & Pretoria newsletter, Canopus, MNASSA, African Skies.

To sent:

 - Letter to Magda Streicher will be sent to acknowledge her donation of R200.
6. Treasurer
 - October bank balance was stated at R5128.57
 - Roger reminded the committee of the task of valuing our assets. We will have a report back at the next meeting .
7. Stardust
 - Material is still needed for upcoming issues.
 - It was suggested by Roger, and seconded by Leanne, that we should try to find a few lighthearted articles for Stardust.
8. Library
 - Only issue with Library is the circulation of the new S&T each month. Phillip will endeavour to liase with the members and try to get the magazine distributed.
9. P.R.O
 - Our banner has been completed and is on display at the museum!
 - Our display & involvement with the museum has proved to be very beneficial. A number of members and members of the public attended our November meeting, and the Sunday lectures have proved to be 'crowd pullers' as well.

10. Observatory & Instruments

- It was discussed where to store the dancer over summer. Rogan's garage seemed as good a place as any!
- It was agreed not to accept the aluminising plant, as the sheer size would cause tremendous storage headaches.
- Philip suggested that we send the mirror to Cape Town for aluminising. This was agreed to and with the help of travelling family and friends we would be able to get there and back somehow.
- Wattle growth is a problem again, Trevor will handle this.
- A storage unit is still needed in the Observatory. Various methods of sourcing timber were discussed – but nothing finalised as yet.
- Trevor to contact Alan Hill with regard to a number of wooden 'pews' he had at the university.

11. Education

- Phillip gave a talk to the members of the Stroke Aid group at Riverside Home; this was well received.

12. General

- Philip offered to speak at the June 2003 meeting of the SA Institute of Foresters .
- John made mention of the passing of Ray Field's mother; Leanne did send a sympathy card from the Society.

The meeting was declared at 9:15. Next committee meeting will be held at the home of C Kay on 13 January 2003.