

**Astronomical Society of Southern Africa – Natal Midlands Centre**

**Minutes of committee meeting held at Frikkie de Bruyn's residence, Monday 14  
February 2005**

**Present:** John Watson (Chair), Rogan Roth, Johan Hefer, Frikkie de Bruyn, Roger Clifford, Trevor Morely

**Apologies:** Willem van der Merwe

1. JW Welcomed the committee and thanked FdeB for his hospitality

**2. Planning**

a. Planned Talks and Meetings:

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| i. 9 March 2005 Nigel Wakefield "Putting together a Dobsonian" and RC "Constellations" | NW<br>RC |
| ii. 13 April 2005 JH "Planetary Exploration" and RC "Stamps"                           | JH & RC  |
| iv. 11 May 2005 video "African Cosmic Safari"  | JW       |
| v. 8 June 2005 AGM   | JW       |

b. Einstein Exhibition: FdeB is putting together a booklet which will be available at the exhibition and at the meeting. The exhibition will be at the Library for 2 weeks from 4 April 2005

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c. Walks in the Botanical Gardens to be pursued closer to viewing season

**3. Membership**

New members are Penny & Robert Roodt, Riaan Lazenby and Desmond & Joanna Mayne

**4. Correspondence**

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| a. Newsletters etc.                                |    |
| b. UN International Heliophysical Year 2007        |    |
| c. Letter re History Symposium                     | JH |
| d. Letter from Peter van Blommenstein              |    |
| e. Letter from Pat Booth re Viewing                |    |
| f. Proposed new Logo. FdeB Responded.              |    |
| g. FdeB to talk to ASSA re Legal Deposit Libraries |    |

**5. Treasurer**

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| a. Rent for ground to be increased to R100. |  |
| b. R6939.80 in Bank Account                 |  |

**6. Stardust**

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| a. A few articles are needed. |  |
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**7. Library**

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| 1. 10 more handbooks to be ordered | JH |
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**8. P.R.O.**

Buying of telescope kits to be followed up.	RR
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## **9. Observatory and Instruments**

- a. Tractor with mower to try to clear. FdeB to get quotes FdeB
- b. JW to talk to Jeff Prosser to resurface telescope locally. JW
- c. The corners and flashing at the observatory need to be replaced. Cost R318.85 to make up. RC
- d. Work Party 12 March 2005

## **10. Education**

11/03/2005 to King School Nottingham Road RR

## **11. General**

Nothing to Report

**Next Meeting 18 April 2005 at the home of Frikkie de Bruyn**