

Astronomical Society of Southern Africa – Natal Midlands Centre

Minutes of committee meeting held at Frikkie de Bruyn's residence, Monday 18 May
2005

Present: John Watson (Chair), Johan Hefer, Frikkie de Bruyn, Roger Clifford.

Apologies: Willem van der Merwe, Rogan Roth, Trevor Morely

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

2. Planning

a. Planned Talks and Meetings:

9 July Midwinter Star Party

10 August Magnetism

JW

Professor de Lange will be holding a lecture with two other professors that will be open to the public in October.

September Stuart Thompson

b. Durban Botanical Gardens are having a star party on 24 June 2005 from 5:30pm onwards.

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

RR

d. Observatory open from 3 June to 26 August

JW / RR

3. Membership

New member is Crooks

4. Correspondence

a. Newsletters etc.

b. Mangaung library to be put onto mailing list

JH

c. Looking into Umgeni Municipality clearing grounds

JW

d. Pat Booth replied to letter

e. A letter needs to be sent to the bank regarding the new signatories.

JH

f. Television insert to be shot on 3 June at the Observatory

FdeB

5. Treasurer

a. R5466.24 in Bank Account

b. R400 needs to be paid to Trevor.

RC

c. Reconciliation needs to be done on the number of guides sold.

JH

6. Stardust

a. Rogan was not at meeting.

7. Library

a. A lock is to be fitted to the cupboard in the Girls Guide Hall. JW / WvdM

8. P.R.O.

a. Observing evenings to be published WvdM

b. Course information to be given to Papers WvdM

c. Possible exhibition in museum.

9. Observatory and Instruments

a. Flashings to be fixed JW

b. Work party to be organized

10. Education

a. Went to Kings School

b. Basic Astronomy Course to be given this year. JW

c. All Saints Youth on 29 July 5:45 +/- 15 kids

11. General

Nothing to Report

Next Meeting will be scheduled after the AGM