

Present: B.Lawrence, T.Chance, H.Chance, G.Prosser, R.Jarman, J.Watson

Apols: R.Roth, A.Scafturis

1. Meeting commenced at 5.30 pm - minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.
2. Matters arising
 - a) ASSA National Symposium - no further information as yet
 - b) "Leisure Time" magazine - RJ has sent copy of 'Stardust' and is in touch
 - c) Last article in "Maritzburg Views" was badly edited.
3. Membership
 - a) New members - Mrs H.Chance Prop T.Chance Sec J.Watson
Mr P.Hawkins Prop B.Lawrence Sec J.Watson
 - b) Congrats to Rogan & Helen Roth on birth of a son - JW to send card.
 - c) Ron Dale and Rusty Jarman both recovering well from spells in hospital.
4. Correspondence
 - a) Letter of thanks from Natal Soc Library
 - b) Notice of AGM from SANEL
5. Treasurers Report
 - a) Subscriptions coming in well so far
 - b) PERM and UNITED Savings Accounts better and more convenient than FIRST NATIONAL
- BL will close our account at FNB.
6. Library
 - a) JW has discovered membership card for U.S.Information Service library
 - b) CITILAB can develop slides - so can A.Norris' son
 - c) TC to get the Centre Scrapbook going - S.Dale has prints and/or negatives
 - d) Send slides/prints of N.S.Library display to 'Sky & Telescope' and/or MNASSA ??
7. Planning

September 11/9/91 - Astro Photography - basics et al - GP and RR to convene
October 9/10/91 - Galaxies - invite John Ade to give talk + others
November 13/11/91 - Mars landing
8. Instruments
 - a) GP and AS have recovered the Lipshitz telescope from Durban - appears to be a 10" which is very heavy but usable - need to get members together to have a look and plan for the immediate future - GP suggests a sturdy Dobsonian mount temporarily.
 - b) GP has sorted out P.Hawkins with some glass to make a telescope
 - c) A Mr Allbon (Hayfields) has contacted GP with a telescope for sale - JW to phone through details to Mike Radford in Colenso.
9. Education

Visit to King's School for talk and viewing planned for 31/8/91 - contact is one of our members, Mr C.Botha who teaches there.
10. General
 - a) Botanical Gardens as a venue - JW to draft a letter to B.Tarr for discussion at next committee meeting.
 - b) Ladysmith Evening Market held on last Friday of the month - M.Schrader is doing some "pavement astronomy" with great success - would be happy to have some help - next one is on 27/9/91.
 - c) Tea duty for September meeting - Tim and Hilary Chance.
 - d) Next Committee meeting on 18/9/91.