

CAPE CENTRE ASSA

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 4 February 1997

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1 PRESENT:

P.Booth, G.Bosch, C.Forder, A.Gray, S.Kleyn, J.Joubert,  
A. Mohamed, R.Sessions & B.Skinner.

2 APOLOGIES:

J. Joubert & C.Turk.

3 MINUTES of the last meeting (22 October 1996) read &  
accepted

4 MATTERS ARISING: Nil

5 TREASURER'S REPORT:

Defaulters down to 10

It is forecast that the centre will start generating a  
loss during the balance of the year due to additional  
production expenditure of the newsletter and the Cape  
Observer. Postage could rise to R1.00 per std item and  
the paper and envelopes are no longer donated. Also we  
have to pay copy charges for the printing. It was  
resolved to hold a special meeting to request a  
subscription increase to R 20 per annum.

6 LIBRARY:

Library cabinet to be obtained. Ask members to donate  
books to the library. The librarian may buy a book for  
the library, the latest David Levy publication,  
Skywatching @ R89.99 was suggested.

Use the newsletter to advertise the library.

Issue copies of Skyglobe (Computerised Sky Atlas) @ R10  
per copy. (Skyglobe in its basic form is a shareware  
programme)

7 OBSERVING EVENINGS:

Observing evenings to be held monthly during the summer  
and every second month during the winter.

Quarry observations- Gordon & Steve to be the contacts.  
Next evenings at the quarry, Feb 8 & Mar 8.

We are to try to get locations other than the Waterfront  
for public shows. Suggested date Apr 12th.

The next Waterfront evening is scheduled for Mar 15.

8 FIELD TRIPS;

Hermanus Mag Observatory May 3.

Future plans for Time Ball & Faure accelerator.

9 CENTRE TELESCOPES:

Larmuth 6" f8 not portable  
Crumm Refractor = Cooke eyepiece  
Tasco 60mm f15  
Ron Atkins 10" f4.5 (R1 per day rental)  
60 mm Meade refractor  
6" f10 Newtonian (Robilliard)  
8" & 5" Mirrors?

10 SPEAKERS:

Feb 5	S. Kleyn	Apr 2	P Booth
Feb 12	Peter Martinez	Apr 9	Tim Cooper
	(Boyden Obs)	Apr 16	G Bosch
Feb 19	A Mohamed	Apr 23	C Forder
Feb 26	R Sessions	Apr 30	A Gray
Mar 5	Guest: B Wagener	May 7	J Joubert
Mar 12	Patterson?	May 14	Formal
Mar 26	C Turk	May 21	S Kleyn
		May 28	A Mohamed

11 TEA DUTIES:

Feb 12	A Mohamed/R Sessions	Apr 9	P Booth/G Bosch
Mar 12	B Skinner/C turk	May 14	C Forder/A Gray

12 MUGS: There are 5 mugs left.

13 THANKS:

Council thanks the centre & members for making pictures from the Astrophotography competition available to display at a science festival in Grahamstown. Brian Skinner to hand the pics to Rupert Hurley who will take them to the festival.

Abe sent thank you letters to the institutions who help advertise the Centre's meetings.

14 NEXT MEETING:

May 6th 8:00pm

The meeting closed at 9:45pm

CHAIRMAN.....