

CAPE CENTRE

ASSA

Minutes of the Committee meeting on 19th August 1997.

1. PRESENT:

P Booth, G Bosch, C Forder, A Gray, S Kleyn, A Mahomed (Chairman), G Quick, R Sessions, B Wagener.

2. APOLOGIES: Nil.

3. CHAIRMANS WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed the new committee which was elected at the AGM on 19th August 1997. He also advised that he had contacted Johan Kotze who had been nominated as a committee member at the AGM although not present. Johan has declined the nomination and has therefore been excluded from election.

4. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 6th MAY 1997:

The Minutes were taken as read and accepted. (Proposed A Gray, seconded G Bosch).

5. MATTERS ARISING:

Library: Abe Mahomed reported that a glass fronted Bookcase was available for R395 from a second-hand dealer. There was unanimous agreement to make this purchase, and Chris Forder approved the funding.

Schools Outreach: Andrew Gray reported that he had been able to hold an introductory "Space" lecture at the Kirstenhof Primary School which was enthusiastically received.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chris Forder reported that there was an error of R74.00 in the accounts which were presented at the AGM. This amount was "missing" due to his computer having "crashed". The amount cannot be traced and the accounts will be accordingly adjusted.

Donations continue to be very exceptional (including one anonymous one of R1000.) This, plus R600 from the Trust Fund would ensure the Centre would remain "solvent".

7. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

The purchase of a bookcase has been approved (see 5. above).

The newsletter is to be used to request all members to scour their bookshelves for any books, charts etc. which could be donated to the library.

8. PORTFOLIOS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Council Representative; P Booth.

Librarian; C Allen assisted by A Mahomed.

Curator of Instruments; R Sessions.
PRO/Media Liaison.; A Mahomed assisted by G Quick.
Public Observing; R Sessions.
Field Trips; G Bosch assisted by S Kleyn.
Observation Reports; B Wagener.
Newsletter Editor; A Jones. (Non comm).
Observing Guide/Advisor; C Turk. (Non comm).

9. FORTHCOMING SPEAKERS:

Sept 3rd; R Sessions - "Astro Slides"
10th; Formal. R Hurly - "40th Anniversary of Sputnik".
17th; Gordon Bosch - "Space Shuttle Discovery. Mission
STS 51". (Video).
24th; Chris Forder - " Types of Telescopes and their Attributes".
Oct. 1st; Andrew Gray - "To Parabolise or not??"
8th; Formal.
15th; Steve Kleyn - "How High the Power?".
22nd; Abe Mahomed - TBA
29th; Gwynneth Quick - TBA
Nov. 5th; R Sessions - TBA
12th; Formal.
19th; Bernard Wagener - TBA.
26th; Gordon Bosch - TBA
Dec. 3rd; Chris Forder - TBA
10th; Annual Social.

10. TEA DUTIES:

Sept 10th, Gordon/Chris. Oct 8th, Bernard/Andrew.
Nov 12th, Steve/Gwynneth.

11. OBSERVING OUTINGS:

Sat 6th Sept - Quarry. Tues 16th Sept - Total Lunar Eclipse.
Proposed meeting at the car park at the top of Ou Kaapse Weg,
Silvermine at 18h30 for a picnic supper.
Dates will be decided for Oct, (if either of Sep's are clouded
out), Nov and Dec. Gordon to post timely notices at weekly
meetings.

12. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Tues October 21st, 20h00, usual venue.