

ASSA CAPE CENTRE

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 1998

1. Apologies

M Kruger. Otherwise everyone else was present.

2. Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18th August 1998

Taken as read. It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved and accepted.

3. Matters arising

G Bosch had comments re the workshop and said it should have been discussed elsewhere other than in item 11.0. The beginners' packs mentioned in item 13 were discussed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Nil of note. C Forder should give one of the Committee members the financial "notes" so that that member can appraise the Committee of the *status quo*.

5. Librarian's Report

Nothing much.

6. Instruments

Richard Sessions has the Ron Atkins Telescope. B Skinner said that, if possible, it must go to Sutherland.

7. Public Astronomy

Planned for **Saturday 28 November 1998** from **20:00** onwards. Place: **outside the SABC in Sea Point**. MC had looked at the site and had found it acceptable. AM will advertise the event via radio and the press. It will be the last public astronomy event for the year.

8. Field trips and observing evenings

- 17 October 1998** - *Hermanus*
- End of October** - *UCT – Occultation of Jupiter by the moon.*
- November** - *Sutherland*
- 12 December 1998** - *Dark sky evening – N7 Ostrich Farm*
- Orionids* - **20th to 21st of October.** BS and TJ will co-ordinate this.
- Leonids* - **November.** Tony is trying to get out to Darnall and he and BS are attempting to arrange a site out there. They'll report back in due course.

It was suggested that everyone be included in meteor shower observations and make the occasion like a field trip.

AM read out the conditions specified by John Caldwell re the Sutherland trip. BS said that there should not be a ban on ASSA-CC people from going into the domes. He verified that it should be possible for ASSA-CC's to go into the domes. Re the Sutherland trip, those going must remain behind after the regular meeting on 18 November 1998 to be briefed. BS is to co-ordinate arrivals and where people will set up camp.

GB spoke re the workshop and has contacted Tim Cooper.

Vanrhynsdorp was discussed - ? next year.

9. Wednesday meetings

As on list. Two formal speakers have been arranged for January and February 1999.

10. Tea duties

As on list.

11. Astrophotography Competition

This was declared a great success. The certificates are to be handed out at the formal in October. BW suggested that for future such events the names go onto the boards as soon as the judging's done. The photographs must come down as soon as possible and given back to their owners.

12. Other business

TJ has resigned as editor of the "Cape Observer" and thus a new editor must be sought after. The person does not necessarily have to be on the Committee. The vacancy will be advertised at the meetings.

MC said the interactions at the informals should be less like "chit-chat" and that the meeting should be more structured. The environs of the Centre have become rather familiar and respect should be somewhat encouraged.

More "license disc holders" should be made. This was put forward by AG. BS is to speak to Audrey Joubert. Those going to Sutherland will have the logo as their ID. May be put some as ID on the cars.

Clothing was discussed as Cape Centre memorabilia. GQ suggested a windbreaker thing and AMcC suggested a cap. BS liked the idea and spoke re a silk-screening venture.

December social was discussed. Everyone is to bring edibles. MC will arrange the $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ and AM will arrange the juices and fizzies.

13. Next Year's Meetings

Committee meeting on **26 January 1999**.

Next year's meetings start on **20 January 1999**.

Prospective list:	20 January 1999	-	AMCC
	27 January 1999	-	AM
	3 February 1999	-	GQ
	10 February 1999	-	Formal
	17 February 1999	-	BS
	24 February 1999	-	BW

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

--- FROM YOUR SECRETARY ---

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