

MINUTES OF THE ASSA-CC MEETING - 23/03/99

1. *Apologies*

Pat Booth.

The Chairman welcomed the committee to the second meeting of the year and especially Dany Duprez who is the new Treasurer.

2. *Minutes of the committee meeting held on 23/03/99*

These were taken as read and were approved and accepted.

3. *Matters arising*

Nil.

4. *Treasurer's Report*

Dany Duprez said that there is R2,260 in the normal account and R301.70 in the investment account. He further reported that there was R500.00 as cash in hand. He requested that the list of names on the bank statement be shortened and to have only three names. These will be his own, Brian Skinner and Chris Forder. He said that he will give a full report next time. It was suggested that the money in the box be counted.

5. *Librarian's Report*

The library cupboard is filling up, but it could do with more books though. Dany Duprez suggested getting software into the library.

6. *Council Representative's Report and ASSA Symposium*

It was reported that there were 37 definite people. Not all will be at the symposium for the entire two days. Altogether there are 21 delegates. Parking has been arranged at the Museum and around the corner near the NG Synod hall. Brian has reserved the parking. He spoke about having a photograph in the Argus in the Tonight section. The group photograph has yet to be confirmed. Concerning the Monday evening, the room needs a good clean. Brian is to get hold of the SAAO to clean the room since it is their premises. Those people who are bringing photographs for display are to have them in by 24/03/99, and the pictures are to be put up after the meeting on that night. There are a proposed number of 60 people for the Monday night "tea". There will be savouries, biscuits, tea, bush tea, soft drinks, and coffee. Abe, assisted by Gwynneth will do the catering. The Committee is to clean up afterwards.

7. *Instruments*

Nothing much. The RAT needs a service which has not been done yet. Mike said that he and Brian could do the work at his (Mike's) place and work on it together.

8. *Public Astronomy*

Mike suggested the 22/05/99 at the same venue in Sea Point as the last time. The moon will be on First Quarter. The time will be earlier because of Winter. T= 17h30.

9. *Field Trips and Observing Evenings*

Dates have been supplied. *Q.v.* previous minutes. Gordon reported that sometimes the Ostrich Farm is not available, and so the venue must be re-assessed. He asked for ideas from the Committee. Andrew McConnell reported that he knows a person who has a guest house *en route* to Wellington on the otherside of Paarl Mountain. The Committee seemed keen about the idea and Andrew was encouraged to go and scout out this possibility.

10. *Wednesday Meetings*

As per revised schedule - *q.v.*

11. *Tea Duties*

See list drawn up by the Secretary.

12. *Any Other Business*

Gwynnèth reported to the Committee that she had arranged for a sign, "Lecture Room" to be put outside the door of our room. Brian also suggested that she get a banner organised.

Concerning the video/monitor that was discussed before, Gwynnèth reported that she had obtained quotes and had approached the Trust about funding. Cliff Turk came up with the following objections and notes:

1. Infrequent use of the apparatus
2. Where would it be stored securely?
3. The possibility of theft.

Dany was very enthusiastic about the idea of getting a video/monitor and said that if the Trust did want to fund it, there was no reason that the CC should not buy it themselves. Brian said that there is a room near the Museum at the SAAO which is the ASSA's office and that the apparatus could be stored there. Andrew Gray suggested consulting Ken Peck about such videos and where to get them since he is into electronics. The Committee should also look at the newsperspers for company auctions. Gwynnèth was to see whether she could get cheaper prices.

Abe is to speak to Tony Jones about his sky talks.

Beginners introductory sheets are to be handed out by the secretary and the treasurer.

Abe is to get ID's for the Committee

13. *Date and Time of the next Meeting*

25/05/99 at the SAAO at 20h00.

The meeting closed at 21h13.

A. P. Abraham

25-05-99