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## MINUTES OF THE ASSA-CC MEETING - 25/05/99

### *1. Apologies*

Brian Skinner

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

These were taken as read and were approved and accepted. Proposed by A. Gray.  
Seconded by D. Duprez.

### *3. Matters arising*

Nil..

### *4. Treasurer's Report*

Dany Duprez reported that he did not know what "varia" was for. Mike Christianson said that it was probably from printing of the Newsletter, etc. Dany said that he needs documentation or invoices for printing so that he has proof of how much money was being given out. He further requested that there be an inventory of goods for sale like the T-shirts, etc. It was suggested that a big stock-taking be done. The Chairman suggested that Dany consult Chris Forder whenever he is in doubt of anything. Dany further reported that there was no shortage of funds and the situation was under control. See attached sheet.

### *5. Librarian's Report*

More people are taking out books. Concerning Dany's suggestion of software, it all depends on whether the Society can get it for free or whether it gets bought. It was emphasised that the Committee be aware of the copyright regarding software.

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

It was reported that there was a loss of around R3,000.00 from the Symposium. Aside from this there was nothing to report. The ASSA AGM will be held in Pretoria on the fourth Wednesday of July. It was clarified that the ASSA-CC AGM will be held in August as per the Rules.

## *7. Instruments*

The RAT has been serviced and is in working order. Mike had put a bearing into it to prevent the wobble. Dany reported that mirrors can go to Sutherland for aluminising free of charge.

## *8. Public Astronomy*

The last one was rained out, and it was suggested to wait until Spring for the next one.

## *9. Field Trips and Observing Evenings*

Gordon said to consult the list he had put up on the board. There is still an idea to look for another venue. Andrew McConnell had not yet evaluated the site mentioned in the previous Minutes (Q.v.). Gordon further spoke about having a theme at the Observing Evenings, but he felt that it was more suitable to let people do their own thing. It was encouraged that people send comet observations to Tim Cooper, especially of the new comet Lee. Bernard Wagener wants to get a full set of Lunar photographs of the Moon's whole cycle. Much discussion ensued.

## *10. Wednesday Meetings*

See list as prepared by the Secretary. It was noted that Mike Christianson and Dany Duprez are to swop their evenings in June. Concerning the talk by the Sunsat team, the Secretary was given instructions to "chase them up". Otherwise an alternative must be arranged. The Formal for July could go back to the usual second week. The Chairman reported that there were possibilities of having the following people to give talks later in the year:

Dr. Menzies	-	Planet gravitational microlensing
Cyril Hromnik	-	Astronomy in Africa

## *11. Tea Duties*

People from here are to take tea things to the Planetarium next week. The Tea Duty list has been drawn up by the Secretary.

## *12. Fees*

It was resolved that the subscription fees be increased. This issue was discussed at great length, mostly by Andrew Gray and Dany Duprez. Pat Booth was opposed to increasing the fees because she said that the Trust Fund was there so that the fees

did not have to be increased. A formal proposition was made that the fees be increased to R20.00 as from the beginning of the new financial year. Students and Pensioners would pay R10.00 and Family Membership would be R30.00. The Rules of the Society were consulted re the matter. A Special General Meeting shall be called on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June and notice of this shall be published in an appendix to the June newsletter.

Proposed by Andrew Gray and seconded by Dany Duprez.

### *13 Correspondence*

Only Sunsat stuff. Andrew Gray said to send our newsletter to centres all over the world. The Chairman said to review the other Centre's newsletters and to report to the CC on what they are doing. It was suggested to get all the other Centre's newsletters and to keep them in an appropriate file in the Library.

### *14 Any Other Matters*

The Chairman reported that Tony is prepared to do the sky talks once a month – Maybe the fourth Wednesday of each month, depending on the moon and the weather. The Ids have been made and the Chairman will hand them out before each meeting and collect them at the end of each meeting.

### *15. Date and time of the next Meeting.*

The 27<sup>th</sup> of July at 20h00 at the Observatory.

The meeting closed at 21h09.

*A. J. Mahomed*