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**ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
(CAPE CENTRE)**

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING - 27/07/99

1. Apologies

These were received from Brian Skinner and Dany Duprez. Andrew Gray reported that Allen Cameron, who had received the Reginald de Cock Award, had died. The Chairman requested a minute's silence be observed.

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 25.05.99

These were taken as read and were proposed as accepted by Andrew Gray and seconded by Mike Christianson.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. Treasurer's Report

Dany Duprez was not present. The committee agreed that he needs to provide a full financial statement for the AGM.

5. Librarian's Report

The *status quo* is static. It is worth keeping an eye on Kilo Bookshops for inexpensive books.

6. Council Representative's Report

There was nothing much to report here except that the ASSA AGM will be held on the 28/07/99 in Pretoria.

7. Instruments

Nothing to report.

8. *Public Astronomy*

It was suggested that we wait until Summertime for better weather.

9. *Field Trips and Observing Evenings*

The next Committee will organise these. Gordon Bosch said that he will give the Quarry details to whomever takes over from him. The West Coast Show Ranch is still available, however there are some problems which do arise. It was suggested via Tony Jones that we use the WCSR every alternate month for observing. He reported via Andrew McConnell that he had gone to MacGregor recently and that the skies were good. Andrew said that Tony would do some investigating into this. Gordon said that this site may be a third "away" site. We still need to find a site closer to home.

10. *Wednesday Meetings*

The Secretary will draw up the roster once the new Committee is elected. Abe reported that he had arranged speakers for the formals in September and October. These will be:
September - Dr Cyril Hromnik - Quena Horology
October - Dr John Menzies - "Planet Project"
Both Patricia Whitelock and John Caldwell have promised to give their services next year. The two remaining informals in August will be given by Dany on the 18th, and Bernard on the 25th.

11. *Tea Duties*

The Secretary will draw up this roster once the new Committee is elected. The people catering for the AGM will be Mike and Andrew McConnell.

12. *AGM and Election of the new Committee*

People standing down from the Committee are Pat Booth, Gordon Bosch, Mike Christianson, and Brian Skinner. The following Cape Centre members will be approached to stand for election to the Committee:

Ross Bauer,
Paul de Villiers,
Joanne Willmore, and
Max Maxwell-Hafen.

Others who were named were Des and Val Doré, Richard Sessions, and Latief Amien. Extant Committee members named as Office Bearers were:

Chairman - Andrew Gray
Vice Chairman - Andrew McConnell
Secretary - Gwynnèth Quick
Treasurer - Dany Duprez.

Other members standing for ordinary election are Abe Mahomed and Bernard Wagener.

13. Correspondence

Abe Mahomed will make contact with people from Vienna about getting onto their mailing list for information on planetary exploration and astronomy.

14. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

15. Prospective Date and Time of the next Meeting

Probably on the 17/08/99 at 20h00 at the Observatory. The new Chairman will confirm this.

Finally, Mike Christianson proposed a vote of thanks to Abe for his services as Chairman. This was unanimously applauded.


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