

THE CAPE CENTRE OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF S.A.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE
LECTURE HALL, S.A.A.O. ON WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2000 @ 21h00**

**PRESENT : Messrs. M A Gray, A McConnell, D Duprez, R Bauer, P De Villiers,
A Mahomed. J Willmore and M Christianson (Ex-Officio)**

- 1) **OPENING** : The Chairman, M A Gray welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at approximately 20h55.
- 2) **APOLOGIES** : Received from B Wagner (ill). Absent without apology was Miss G Quick. Mr M Maxwell-Hafen had resigned as a Committee member (See Correspondence). The Chairman acted as Secretary for the Meeting
- 3) **MINUTES** : The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 26th January 2000, having been circulated to all members of the Committee, were taken as read, confirmed and signed..
- 4) **ARISING** : The only Matters Arising would be dealt with under the heading of "GENERAL"
- 5) **APPLICATIONS** : There were several Visitors at the meeting, some of these had completed the new Application forms and these would be attended to at the next Committee Meeting.
- 6) **CORRESPONDENCE** : Some correspondence had been received and this would be attended to by the Chairman. There had been no "takers" for the vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Mr Maxwell-Hafen.
- 7) **THINK TANK** : Several matters were about to be addressed but details would emerge at the next Committee Meeting. Tentative approval had been received from Mr Case Rijdsduyk for a "work party". He would report back later.
- 8) **SECRETARY** : The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that Miss G Quick, Centre Secretary and Representative on Council had been absent without apology for three successive Committee meetings, notice for all of which had been given to her. In terms of part of Rule No 4, she has therefore lost her position on the Committee and as a result cannot remain as Secretary or Centre Representative. After a very brief discussion, it was agreed without dissent, that the Chairman send her a Registered letter the next morning, advising her of these facts and demanding the return of the Centre property, that is, the brief case, all Centre documents and the set of keys. (NB Done and sent "door to door delivery" at 11h00 on 3rd February 2000.
- 9) **GENERAL** : Dr A Mahomed reported that the Guest Speakers for February and March would be Dr John Caldwell (Feb.), and Cliff Turk (March), the latter speaking on "Star Week 2000" which runs from 5th to 12th March and for which we must all stand by to give talks to public bodies such as schools, church groups etc.
- 10) **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** : This will take place at the Lecture Hall of the S A A O on *Thursday, 17th February 2000 commencing at 20h00.*
- 11) **CLOSURE** : There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for their participation and declared the Meeting closed at 21h05.

Dated 2000

Signed
Chairman