

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 1984 AT HOME
OF MRS S. DALE, YALGA RD, PIETERMARITZBURG.

Present Mesdames S. Dale, C. Coeling
Messrs C. Lake, J. Watson, P. Moore

Apologies Miss A. Weller.
Messrs P. Welch, A. Herselman.

1. Minutes of Previous meeting were read and accepted as being a true record.

2 Matters arising

- a) Society Telescope - claim for R15.00 from Randale for materials (paint etc) was approved.
 - scope now with Crosscut in Howick
 - Secretary to investigate insurance
- b) Handbooks for 1984 - have been ordered (R1 & R2)
 - put into Notice Paper.
- c) Centre will not subscribe to "Astronomy"
- d) New Rector at College for F.E.T (Dr. Ukun) will give cooperation - secretary to write letter of thanks to Mrs Farr, and also advise dates of meetings for 1984.
- e) Note of thanks to Carl Coeling for Xmas dinner arrangements
- f) Letter to Izinkanyezi from Natal Centre to invite speaker, offering 1 night's free accommodation
 - Chris Lake to respond, suggesting Peter Moore's presentation on the Earth's irregularity

- g). Chris Lake has visited Godfrey Immelman for ideas
- will start ~~over~~ own display of astro stamps
and invite contributions.

3. Correspondence.

- a) Letters received from Jack Bennett and Mark Crepper.
- b) ASSA alternate - minutes of ASSA mention Mr. J. van Kenstede
- c) Secretary to chase G.P.O. re Post Box application.

4. Finance

- a) R.231 at Bank
- b) Carol Couling to investigate interest rates, etc.

5. Library

- a) Chris Lake to contact Paul Welch personally to ascertain whether he is still interested or not.
- b) Armand Herselman happy to take over.

6. Future meetings.

- a) Invitation by Carol Couling for viewing at her home in Bishopstow
- b) February - general meeting with members all contributing after the break over Xmas.
 - Chris Lake to relate the Dobsonian "Saga" after 3 years of waiting, as the scope has at last arrived
 - Peter Moore to discuss the appearance of the Moon, and a method to estimate this at any future date.
- c) Members to be invited to suggest topics for future meetings, in the next Notice Paper

- d) Secretary to write to Dr. G. Bossert inviting him to give a talk on Astro-photography
- e) Occultation coming up in May (21st?)
- f) Prof Warner from UCT will be in Natal during June 1984.
- g) AGM at end of July (25th).

7. NEW MEMBER.

Chris Lake has contacted Mr Buchwald, a retired Dent, living in Lidgerton. He has purchased a telescope (Dr Peachy's) and is keen to become a member of the Centre.

8. OTHER BUSINESS.

Chris Lake reported the sad passing away of Miss Gwen Andrade, and was grateful for the kind donation of all her Astronomy books to the Centre library.

CHAIRMAN

J. Jackson
SECRETARY