

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 23 OCT AT 43 RALDOR 5.15 pm.

Present: C. Lake, R. Jarman, T. Coertse, J. Watson, B. Van Hoogdalem

Apologies: K. Turner, P. Moore.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read

2. Matters arising:

a) Binding: It was decided that the past 2 years issues of Sky and Telescope would be bound in Durban at R25 for 6 issues.

b) Midmar social: To go ahead at 4.30 with the Natal Centre.

c) Christmas dinner: Bookings were finalised and the dinner is to go ahead on 3 December (Tuesday) at Liberty Tavern.

d) Rubber stamp: Mr Van Hoogdalem would donate an address stamp

e) Residency lists: are to be sent out with the next newsletter

f) Lights out campaign: Although we received no formal reply from the City Council, Newspaper articles imply that the suggestion is not to be taken seriously

3. LIBRARY EXHIBIT: Mr Lake will arrange an exhibit on Halley's in the public library, the first fortnight of November

+ IOTA SUBSCRIPTIONS: It was decided to keep the subscription.

5. PLANNING: Nov: Miss Dunn would talk of a manned Mars mission
Mr Lake would discuss his overseas trip.

Dec: No meeting

Jan: No meeting

Feb: Miss Van Hoogdalem to give a talk on archaeoastronomy

6. COMPETITION: Mr Lake proposed a competition for the local schools. The competition involved pupils writing essays on a theme eg Halley's comet. They ~~best of~~ ~~which~~ will be judged by the committee and a prize will be awarded to the best. A letter to the Director of Education is to be sent with the suggestion.

7. T-SHIRTS: A decision ~~is~~ is to be taken whether we would allow Etrends to print Halley's T-shirts for the society, also using the T-shirt to advertise their company.

8. It was decided that at some stage early in 1986 we would congregate some of the elder members of the public to discuss Halley's 1910 appearance in comparison to the present appearance.

9. Visit of Dr Vincent: The committee to make a decision on whether to invite Dr Vincent to speak to the centre. She will be in Lesotho. The centre would have to finance such a visit.

10. PUBLIC INTEREST: Committee is to discuss various ways of bringing information on Halley's to the attention of the public.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

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