

Present: T.Chance, B.Lawrence, R.Jarman, J.Watson

Apsls : H.Chance, S.Dale

1. Meeting commenced at 5.30pm - minutes of previous meeting read and accepted

2. Matters arising

a) JW has contacted University - they are still dealing with our letter

b) 20th Anniversary function

- i. TC thanked the Committee for their hard work in making the event a success
- ii. A.Gray enjoyed his weekend very much - thanks to BL for hospitality
- iii. Poor turnout from NMC members, good support from Durban
- iv. Could have done with more archive/reminiscence material
- v. R.Joubert claims founder membership - did not receive a certificate.

3. Membership

a) R.Burger (prospect) is moving to Jo'burg, A.Turton has emigrated to U.K.

b) Rev Jim Barrows a prospective new member.

4. Correspondence

a) Letter received from D.Overbeek with greetings for 20th Anniversary

b) Card & Letter from K.Hampson - coming to S.A. on holiday in May
- possibility of NMC naming a star ??

c) Letter from Dept of Educ & Culture re grants for special projects

d) PMB Publicity Assoc 'Heritage Herald' - posted to wrong address

e) Returned post from W.Coombes and ASSA Cape Centre - JW to write letter of complaint to ASSA.

5. Treasurer's report

a) Balance on hand R 1201-03 (Subs reminders have been effective)

b) JW claim for expenses (Oct 93 - Mar 94) of R 392-41 submitted.

c) RJ requested R 9-40 for cost of 20th Anniv photos - approved.

6. Stardust

May issue in hand

7. Library

a) Large Philip's Star Chart to be framed ? - HC to get a quote.

8. P.R.O.

a) Natal Witness invited to 20th Anniv function - did not arrive.

b) BL to contact Publicity Assoc re monthly Calendar of Events.

c) Izinkhanyezi planned for 25-28 August 1994 at Sierra Ranch (nr Mooi River)

9. Planning

May 11/5 - Viewing evening at Collingwood's home

(Back up: Part II of video from R.Forder)

June 8/6 - Constellation of the month - Scorpio

Video or talk as well.

10/6ff - Land Service Camp training weekend

July 13/7 - Annual General Meeting - venue & format ?

16/7ff - Jupiter/Shoemaker-Levy 9 collision - public viewing ?

(preceded by lecture at Museum on 9/7/94)

10. Instruments

- a) All NMC instruments now in caravan at JW's home i.e. Robert's refractor, Dancer refractor and 6" reflector. JW to contact St Charles & follow up on offer of storage.
- b) A.Scafturis to arrange the cleaning up & re-galvanising/painting of the stand of the 6" reflector.
- c) TC wishes to dispose of i) drive motor (for free)
 - ii) large mounting (cash or donation)

11. Education

- a) Amanzimtoti Beach Festival - postponed to end of May or cancelled ?
- b) University Adult Education Centre have requested a repeat of the course run last year - possibly in July.
- c) Land Service Training weekend 10-12 June 1994 at Wagendrift (nr Estcourt)
- d) JW has been asked to arrange a talk to PROBIZ Club (Howick) in June

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18 MAY 1994