

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

Appls: H.Chance

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

2. Matters arising

- a) JW has written to ASSA Secretary about i) St Charles' application to ASSA
ii) NMC alternate on Council iii) Returned post from Cape Centre
- b) R.Joubert not a founder member - application made on 12/11/80
- c) Framing of Star Chart very expensive - TC to investigate lamination
- d) JW and SD met with representatives of University on 13/5/94
 - i) Response to our letter encouraging - they are keen to "sell" Science on the campus
 - ii) No formal affiliation unless an Astro Soc operates on campus.
 - iii) Happy to advertise our activities on notice board(s) in Physics Dept.
 - iv) May be able to offer us a permanent venue on campus - would like to set up an open meeting/lecture etc in August to gauge interest from student body.
 - v) Interested in our long-term plans to set up an observatory - could not comment on use of Univ farm as it is under control of Agric Dept (and has a questionable future ?)
 - vi) Dr T.Anderson would like somebody to give a talk to PINSSA.

3. Membership

Dr P.Tarboton would like to receive Stardust etc from July onwards

4. Correspondence

- a) Letter received from Anne Turton (in UK)
- b) SAAC newsletter received with questionnaire
- c) ASSA Council minutes - our alternate is Mr Bill Bremer

5. Treasurer's report

- a) Balance on hand R 780-16
- b) Annual subs to ASSA now R 110-00

6. Stardust

- a) RJ now using a font which is more compatible with laser printer at NPB
- b) Photos of 20th Anniv function to be offered for sale to Centre members

7. Library

- a) Seems to be used very little - circulation of 'Sky & Telescope' somewhat erratic and difficult to control - use the single copy binders again?
- b) K.Hampson has left us 2 videos ('Universe' and 'The Dream is Alive') which BL may be able to copy to PAL system - is this the start of a video library ?

8. P.R.O.

- a) BL has written to Publicity Assoc re calendar of events in 'heritage Herald'
- b) BL also gathering material on the history of the Centre.

9. Planning

a) Enjoyable evening at Collingwood's last week despite impossibility of viewing - suggested that May is too early to arrange viewing evenings.

b) JUNE

- 8/6/94 Centre meeting - Constellation of the month = SCORPIO
- University contact report back
- Intro to Jupiter collision
- Circulation of Sky & Telescope

JULY

- 6/7/94 Talk to Land Service Camp (Cedara)
9/7/94 Public lecture on Jupiter collision at Museum
13/7/94 Centre AGM - venue to be finalised (York's home,
City Computers ,St Mary's centre ?)
16/7/94ff Viewing of Jupiter collision (at Guide Camp ?)
7/7/94 - 2/8/94 University Adult Education course in Astronomy
each Tuesday and Thursday

AUGUST

- 4/8/94 - 6/8/94 Land Service training weekend
10/8/94 Open meeting at University
25/8/94 - 28/8/94 Izinkhanyezi

10. Instruments

- a) Headmaster of St Charles not available to discuss offer of storage
b) TC offering to give a drive motor to the Centre
c) Overall situation regarding instruments somewhat chaotic !!

11. Education

- a) Amanzimtoti Beach festival now 27/28 May - agreed to decline invitation.
b) Univ Adult Education - TC, BL and JW to meet on 25/5/94 to plan the course
at Lawrence's home.
c) Talk to PROBIZ club (Howick) by JW postponed to July
d) RJ assisting St. John's girl(s) with Astronomy project
e) JW to do some viewing with a Cub Pack (from Newholmes) at Guide Camp
on 28/5/94

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 15/6/94