

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT CITY COMPUTERS, CHAPEL ST. on 19/10/94

Present: R.Jarman, T.Chance, K.Hampson, S.Dale, B.Lawrence, S.de Vos, J.Watson

Appls: M.Christianson, H.Chance

1. Meeting commenced at 5.30 pm - minutes of previous meeting read and accepted with the addition of M.Christianson's name to those present.

2. Matters arising

- a) St Charles' application with G.Prosser for seconding
- b) R.Clifford has offered help with plans for an Observatory
- c) A.Slotegraaf (MNASSA Editor) has been in touch re write-up on NMC - some more photographs have been sent off to him by SD
- d) Girl Guide's Hall not a suitable venue for monthly meetings
- e) Thanks to RJ for preparation and presentation of slides at last monthly meeting - a stimulating evening, even if rather lengthy.

3. Membership

- a) L.Hunt has resigned due to MOTH activities
- b) P.Tarboton and Mrs Dyer have asked for application forms
- c) Potential member Mrs J.Walker
- d) Secretary (JW) to send reminder to prospective members after 3 months.

4. Correspondence

- a) Letter from D.Overbeek re the NMC star - perhaps it's not as faint as 10.9 mag, or the coordinates given are wrong ?
- b) Newsletters from SAAO and other Centres

5. Treasurer's report

- a) Balance on hand R 508-28
- b) Cheque from University Adult Education Dept for R 600-00
- c) Secretarial expenses (July-Sept) of R 107-37

6. Stardust

November issue under way - format to be modified

7. Library

- a) Continued interest at last meeting
- b) Moon maps now stored in sturdy cardboard tube (thanks to MC)
- c) 'Introduction to Astronomy' (Sidgwick) donated by P.Moore - not completely up to date, but good for beginners.

8. P.R.O.

BL presenting Manned Space Flight talks to schools approx every 2 weeks at the museum.

9. Planning

NOVEMBER 9/11/94 - Monthly meeting - 'Stars & Shuttles' (KH)

- Variable stars (JW)

DECEMBER 10/12/94 - Xmas function - 'Bring & Share' braai

- venue to be confirmed next month

FUTURE Winged Spacecraft (TC), Archaeo-astronomy (BL),

Apollo 13 video

10. Instruments

Variable frequency oscillator (VFO) for Centre's 6" telescope to be given to MC for safe keeping.

11. Education

- a) Talks to Voortrekkers and Girl Guides went O.K. - poor skies for viewing and unfortunate breakdown of slide projector !
- b) Talk to Scout AGM (28/10/94 - TC and BL)
- b) Talk to church Youth Group (28/10/94 - JW)

12. General

Continue with 'constellation of the month' presentations next year

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 16 NOVEMBER 1994