

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT CITY COMPUTERS, CHAPEL ST. on 18/1/95

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

Apsols: R.Jarman, H.Chance

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

2. Matters arising

- a) No further info regarding visit/meeting with Dr J.Percy - JW in touch with L.Rens of Natal Centre - will phone around if anything transpires.
- b) 14 people attended the Xmas party at the home of J.Baxter - a rather disappointing turnout, but a very pleasant evening - good venue for observing.
- c) Between RJ and SdeV a full set of "The Astronomers" should be available for the Library.

3. Membership

New members	Mr Frikkie de Bruyn	( <u>Prop</u> : R.Joubert	<u>Sec</u> : A.Kroukam )
	Dr Anne Renfrew	( <u>Prop</u> : K.Hampson	<u>Sec</u> : J.Watson )
	Mr Wayne Herschel	( <u>Prop</u> : B.Lawrence	<u>Sec</u> : J.Watson )

4. Correspondence

- a) Letter of thanks from 9th Pmb Scout Group re talk by TC and BL at AGM
- b) Annual questionnaire from Louis Pasteur University, Strasbourg to update NMC info in 'Starguides' and 'Starworlds'.
- c) Deadlines for MNASSA contributions in 1995 - article on NMC appears in the latest (Dec 94) issue.
- d) Invitation to subscribe to 'Southern Sky' magazine and/or purchase 'Astronomy 1995' or the Herald-Bobroff AstroAtlas - all from Australia.
- e) Letter from Dept of Educ & Culture re uncertainty of future financial help due to transition/restructuring in 1995.
- f) ASSA Council minutes - National Symposium to be held in Bloemfontein in September 1995.

5. Treasurer's report

- a) Balance on hand R 1198-16
- b) Subs coming in nicely - final demands to be sent out in February.

6. Stardust

- a) TC's computer now in good shape - next issue to go out next week

7. Library

- a) No feedback from A.Jarman re 2nd had filing trays for slides
- b) Collection of videos growing - to be hired out to members ?

8. P.R.O.

- a) BL to submit article to Natal Witness on the 'NMC STAR'.
- b) JW contacted by Natal Witness re "fireball" seen at Impendhle.
- c) Notice of monthly meetings to be sent to Natal Witness for inclusion in 'The Week Ahead' by TC.

## 9. Planning

FEBRUARY 8/2/95 - Monthly meeting - Look Around for 1995 (JW)  
- Video "Spacewatch" (BL)

MARCH 8/3/95 - Monthly meeting - constellation of the month ORION

## 10. Instruments

Nothing further to report

## 11. Education

- a) TC to give talk to Boston W.I. on Sunday 12/3/95 (lunch hour meeting)
- b) Natal Museum have asked NMC to run Adult Educ course in July - JW will inform University that we are not available this year.

## 12. General

- a) Venue - continue at St.Charles until further notice (JW to contact) - in the meantime discuss a more suitable venue with Dr.Graham at the University.
  - BL to investigate the purchase of an urn (plastic) and JW to look for a suitable 'tea' table.
- b) Observatory - sub-committee to investigate/discuss all relevant matters to consist of R.Jermain, M.Christianson, T.Chance, S.de Vos and B.Lawrence - G.Prosser to be co-opted as needed.
- c) TC has recently acquired the signatures of Alan Shepard and Jim Lovell.

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 15 FEBRUARY 1995