

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT CITY COMPUTERS, CHAPEL ST. on 15/3/95

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

Apols: R.Jarman, S.Dale, B.Lawrence, H.Chance

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

2. Matters arising

- a) University library display - RJ has not had much success in getting any suitable material.
- b) Slide tray - the item on sale at Terry Photos is simply a nice box which can accommodate a number of 'universal' slide magazines.
- c) Notice of Centre meeting appeared for the first time in the Natal Witness 'Week Ahead' column - pity it was advertised as an AGM ??
- d) Venue - JW has not yet managed to contact University again
- e) Tea urn - GAME has small steel urns for sale at approx R180 - committee agreed to go ahead and purchase one.
- f) BL still to get info on 'NMC STAR' from TC
- g) Grazing Occultation on 23/3/95 - JW has received diskette from D.Overbeek and has purchased 1:50000 map of the area South of Pmb - plotting of the coordinates shows track crossing Pmb-Richmond road just South of Thornville - JW and MC to make a 'recce' on Sunday 19/3/95.

3. Planning

APRIL 19/4/95 - Monthly meeting - open forum on Meteors (BL to convene)
- Constellation of LEO (MC, KH, TC, SdeV)

MAY 10/5/95 - Monthly meeting - meeting at University ?
- D.Grayson to talk on armillary rings ?
- JW to talk on Dark Matter ?
- show video "The Astronomers" (Part 1) ?

JUNE - viewing evening at the Collingwoods home

JULY - AGM - go out to J.Baxter's home

4. Membership

a) New members Miss Aarti Panday (Prop: J.Watson Sec: S.de Vos)
Mr Torben Anderson (Prop: J.Watson Sec: K.Hampson)

b) Prospective member Miss Robyn Angus (student) - application sent.

c) Resignations Mr Ray Forder } JW to write to both, and request S.Dale
Mrs Sheila Dale } to reconsider her decision as far as
membership of the Centre is concerned.

5. Correspondence

- a) Questionnaire from Dept of Educ & Culture to be completed for annual registration.
- b) Letter from Bloemfontein inviting NMC to attend ASSA Symposium in September (27-29th) and participate in a 'Bragg' session - committee agreed that we should try and go.

6. Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand R 1361-23

7. Stardust

Next issue in hand - TC concerned about content being too orientated to Space topics - committee disagreed.

8. Library

K.Hampson willing to take over - will visit S.Dale to get more info on procedures.— JW to have an extra key cut.

9. P.R.O.

No report or discussion

10. Instruments & Observatory

No sub-committee meeting as yet

11. Education

- a) TC went to Boston W.I. as planned - gave talk on Space Exploration - average age over 70 years !
- b) JW to assist A.Kroukam with some observing at Russell High School.
- c) Museum dates for Adult Educ course still to be confirmed.

12. General

P.Hawkins has suggested the possibility of a viewing weekend away together as a Centre - suitable venue Spioenkop or other Natal Parks Board camp with chalets - S.deV to make some enquiries.

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 26 APRIL 1995