

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

Apsols: M.Christianson, R.Jarman, H.Chance

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

2. Matters arising

a) JW to liaise with A.Jarman re slide trays

3. Planning

July 15/7/95 - A.G.Meeting - meet at home of J.Baxter - 6.00 for 6.30pm

- curry/stew to be provided by J.Baxter - salads, rolls, puddings from Committee members - expenses to be borne by NMC

- members to bring drinks, chairs

- business followed by viewing

August 9/8/95 - monthly meeting - forum on Dark Matter, Quarks ?

- video 'The Astronomers I'

- St.Charles or University ?

Future topics - Solar wind, Aurora

4. Membership

Subs defaulters to be taken off mailing list

5. Correspondence

a) Letter from M.Schoch (Symposium convenor) re amount of time required for "bragg" session - we would like 15 minutes (not 5 !)

b) ASSA Council minutes - annual subs to be increased to R 200

c) Letter from Andrew Gray addressed to 'Dear Rusty and members'.

6. Treasurer's Report

a) Balance on hand R 774-80 (ASSA subs for 1995/96 have been paid, 10 Handbooks still to be sold)

7. Library

a) P.Hawkins has borrowed a lot of Sky & Telescope magazines - building a telescope with G.Prosser's assistance.

b) Difficult to access the cupboard except at meetings - approach St.Charles to let us have a key.

8. P.R.O.

a) Slides of members/activities to be prepared for Symposium in September

b) S.de V to liaise with R.J. in this regard

9. Instruments & Observatory

a) Letter of consent received from Girl Guides - copy of same with our covering letter sent to Pietermaritzburg Corporation.

b) MC, TC and KH have ordered new telescopes from Johannesburg Planetarium.

10. Education

a) Viewing at Umgeni Valley (Rotary) at 6.30pm

b) Adult Educ course starts at Museum on 4/7/95 - 12 applications so far

c) Presentation/viewing at Cedara Land Camp on 19/7/95 - approx 200 primary school children

d) TC has lent Space posters for display at Settlers Park school

e) BL to give talk on Space Travel to some 200 Merchiston boys at museum

11. Stardust

a) Compliments to TC received from A.Gray - all ideas welcome.

b) July issue to include agenda for A.G.M. - JW will include minutes of last year's AGM - members must notify Committee if they are going to attend.

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - TO BE ADVISED BY NEW COMMITTEE