

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT CITY COMPUTERS, CHAPEL ST. on 20/2/96

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

Apsls: P.Hawkins, H.Chance

1. Meeting commenced at 5.30pm - minutes of previous meeting read and accepted except for the Date of next Committee Meeting which should have read 20/2/96.

2. Matters arising

- a) Sympathy card sent to family of Marie Dyer
- b) Proposed Astro Evening date will clsh with Izinkhanyezi - reschedule for 15 June 1996.
- c) JW has spoken to K.J.van Rensburg at Dept of Educ & Culture re financial assistance - funds frozen at present, but will advise us if any become available.
- d) Interview with MC on SABC 'Lifestyle' programme went well
- e) Disastrous video at last monthly meeting - must preview in future.

3. Planning

<u>February</u>	24/2/96	Meet at Observatory site at 3.00pm
<u>March</u>	13/3/96	- monthly meeting - News/Forum - Observatory fundraising plans - Constellation of GEMINI (committee)
<u>April</u>	10/4/96	- monthly meeting - News/Forum - Observatory progress report - Winged Spaceflight (TC)
<u>May</u>	16-19/5/96	- IZINKHANYEZI at Everglades (speakers required)
<u>June</u>	15/6/96	- Astro Evening at Worlds View - observatory publicity and fundraising.

4. Membership

- a) New members - Martin Prozesky Prop: T.Chance Sec: M.Christianson
 Robin Kell Prop: T.Chance Sec: M.Christianson
 Avril Veitch Prop: T.Chance Sec: M.Christianson
- b) Membership stands at 66 - approx 95 newsletters being sent out.

5. Correspondence

- a) Letter to St Charles with schedule of meeting dates for 1996.
- b) Letter from St Charles confirming dates are OK - also letter written to St Charles by C.Turk querying their subs payment - JW to reply.
- c) ASSA Handbooks received - R15 each - rather late! - JW to follow up.
- d) Invitation from Harare Centre to Zambezi Star Party - RJ to mention it in Stardust.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a) Balance on hand R 1265-48 Observatory fund R 703-13
- b) Shortfall of R 295-00 on Xmas dinner - accounts to be sent out for drinks and 'no-shows' - Centre to pay the unexpected Staff gratuity.

7. "Stardust"

March edition in hand

8. Library

- a) 'Ex Libris' labels are all in place
- b) KH has unearthed a 1945 Astro book for PH's contact in USA.
- c) Photo album needs more contents !

9. P.R.O.

- a) Plans for Astro Evening in June
 - use of Girl Guide premises ? Displays ? Slide show ?
 - fundraising - food & drink ? raffle ?
 - visit Observatory - viewing etc
- b) Letters to Natal Witness published - no response as yet.

10. Instruments & Observatory

- a) R.Findlay has an instrument for sale - belonged to Mr Reiners ?
- b) P.Tarboton keen to contribute to observatory fund.
- c) P.Truter (St Charles) has a planetarium for sale.
- d) G.Prosser working on completion of 12" reflector

11. Education

- a) TC and JW to draw up list of possible topics for an Advanced Astro course.
- b) Basic Astro Course to be run at Umgeni Valley this year ? - RJ to liaise with J.Stewart
- c) BL to present a paper to the S.A.Naming Society in September.

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 19 MARCH 1996

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