

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT CITY COMPUTERS, CHAPEL ST. on 18/6/96

Present: M.Christianson, B.Lawrence, K.Hampson, P.Hawkins, R.Jarman, J.Watson

Apols: S.de Vos, T.Chance, H.Chance

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

2. Matters arising

- a) Natal Witness have obliged by advertising our activities as 'Astronomy Society'.
- b) 'Journey to the Stars' a resounding success - thanks to all concerned and especially to B.Lawrence as convenor of the event.

3. Planning

July Basic Astro course at Umgeni Valley - 2/7/96 to 25/7/96
13/7/96 - Annual General meeting - to be held at home of KH
- curry supper at R5 per head
- bring own drinks etc
- business and viewing

22/7/96 - first meeting of new committee

August 14/8/96 - monthly meeting - Quiz and/or video - KH and PH to plan

Future D.Grayson to repeat her talk on the Moon (from Izinkhanyezi).

4. Membership

- a) New members - Francois Davel Prop: J.Watson Sec: R.Jarman
Cheryl Hauptfleisch Prop: J.Lawrence Sec: I.Schroeder
- b) Applications - Dr D.Kossove - not signed
- Misses M.Wilbraham and C.Wilbraham - parent/guardian consent required
- c) Prospective members - Mr J.Pennie and Ms.P.Rossington.

5. Correspondence

- a) Good wishes and donations from R.Field and M.Streicher
- b) Letter of thanks from Henley-Midmar yacht club
- c) Friends of Kwazulu-Natal Land Service award - JW attended function in Durban to receive this
- d) Letter re closing of observatory (Specola Cidnea) in Brescia (N.Italy) received from A.Ilchev (Physics Dept- UNP) - RJ and KH to respond.

6. Treasurer's Report

Not received. (Estimated income from Astro evening R1800)

7. STARDUST

July issue in hand

8. Library

- a) "Handbook of Telescope Making" purchased second-hand by TC
- b) Box of loose S&T magazines not sold - what to do with them ?

9. P.R.O.

- a) Astro evening attended by approx 71 adults and 34 children.
- b) Excellent support from East Coast Radio
- c) Slides and Telescope viewing very popular

10. Instruments & Observatory

- a) Foundations have been poured (Readimix - two loads)
- b) Bricks need to be transported from home of TC to site, and cleaned of old mortar. Mr Webb will use bricklayers to build to floor level.
- c) P.Tarboton arranging for the site to be de-stumped.
- d) Telescopes to be moved from home of MC to home of KH.
- e) G. Prosser working on tube for 12" telescope - 'Dancer' tube at home of JW.

11. Education

- a) Basic Astronomy course at Umgeni Valley
- b) Amanzimtoti Rotary - extra evening for them at Umgeni Valley on 10/7/96
- c) Land Service Camp - astro evening at Cedara on 11/7/96
- d) BL to give public lecture at Kloof Town Hall on 19/7/96 - Man & Space ?

12. General

- a) Good to have Sheila Dale at the Astro evening - needs encouragement.
- b) Candidates for new committee:-
(J.Watson, R.Jarmain, K.Hampson, P.Hawkins, S.de Vos, A.Kroukam,
A.Dybwad, P.Tarboton, R.Roth)

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 22 JULY 1996