

1996 - 1997

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THE HOME OF MR. & MRS. P. HAWKINS  
on 22/7/1996

Present : J. Watson, R. Roth, R. Jarmain, P. Hawkins, S. de Vos, K. Hampson  
Apols. : A. Versveld

1. Meeting commenced at 2000Hrs. - minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

Allocation Of Office Bearers

Chairman	- John Watson
Education	
Vice Chairman	- Rogan Roth
Instruments	
Secretary	- Kerry Hampson
Council Rep.	
Stardust Editor	- Rusty Jarmain
P.R.O.	
Treasurer	- Phillip Hawkins
Library	- Steve De Vos
Projects	- Alan Versveld

2. Matters arising

- a. R.J. sent post card to Mayor of Brescia (N. Italy) stating N.M.C. grave concern to the closure of their observatory.
- b. Thanks to K.H. for holding A.G.M. at her Res. - total 16 members & 4 guests attended.

3. Planning

August 14/8/96 - monthly meeting - Astro. Quiz. + prizes! P.H. & K.H. have planning in hand. R.R. to chair meeting J.W. away.

September 11/9/96 - Talk on Astro photography by R.R.

Future - D. Grayson to repeat talk on the moon (from Izinkhanyezi).

4. Membership.

- a. New member Johan Kotze Prop. R. Roth Sec. P. Hawkins
- b. Dr D. Kossave has not sent back unsigned application!
- c. Mike Imber - ? resigning or not- says is committed to attend another meeting on same night as N.M.C.
- d. Subs renewals to go out with Stardust Newsletter
- e. Procrastinators to be taken off mailing list - Angela Ballantyne, Laetitia De La Mare, S. Harridave, W. Herschell, Lamprecht Family, A. Panday, V. & J. Samuel.

5. Correspondence.

- a. Thank You Letters to go to:-  
Land Service for R100.00 donation to observatory building fund  
St Charles Junior School for loan of Planetarium at Journey to the Stars.  
Bryan Jarmain for loan of his bakkie to cart bricks.  
University Principle- Prof. Maughn for allowing photocopying of advert leaflets for journey to the Stars.
- b. List of new office bearers, minutes of A.G.M., & financial statement to go to A.S.S.A. before 20/8/96

6. Treasurers Report

- a. Subs raised to - R40.00 single members  
R50.00 couples  
R25.00 Pensioners & students  
R35.00 Pensioner couples
- b. Secretarial costs still owing to J.W.
- c. R50.00 owing to K.H. for A.G.M. has been paid.
- d. K.H. to be second signature if needed in financial matters

7. Stardust

- a. R.J. has in Hand
- b. R.R. to do photocopying if necessary while J.W. away

8. Library

- a. To try to build up library of video tapes & computer soft ware - charge a fee when these loaned out.
- b. Make up gaps in slide collection - planets + their satellites,

8. Library cont.  
& differnt space probes etc. -R.J. & R.R. to do photo slides from magazines .  
c. To investigate binding of unbound Magazines.
9. P.R.O.  
No report
10. Instruments & Observatory
  - a. approx 2000 bricks moved by J.W., R.J., K.H., & M.C. to J.W. house
  - b. Telescopes + equipment being kept by J.W. & K.H.
  - c. G. Prosser has 12" telescope in hand & is assesing ways for mounting it.
  - d. Need to call a meeting for hand over from M. Christianson before he leaves - re Observatory & observatory site. R.R. to organize.
  - e. General proposal for I. Schroeder to be appointed observatory grounds/garden manager.
  - f. Suggestion by R.J. for a sundial to be erected in observatory garden.
11. Education
  - a. Final week of Basic Astronomy course at Umgeni Valley- approx 14 students attended - financial outcome to be discussed with J. Stewart.
  - b. Amanzimtoti Rotary evening for approx 30 students- J.W. lectured telescopes R.J., K.H. J.W. .not good viewing clouds +++
  - c. Landservice camp at Cedara - J.W. gave slide show & talk.
  - d. ? Church Group, D. Robenheimer in charge 1 hour viewing session for students attending science camp.-telescopes R.J.&K.H.
12. General
  - a. J Schroeder- Christian group wants Astronomy talk.
  - b. Friend of K.H. member of Mensa. says group would like Astronomy evening.
  - c. Tuesday evenings 2000hrs decided better time for committee members.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - Tues 20/8/1996 2000hrs at P.H, home.