

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT HOME OF MR. & MRS. P. HAWKINS
on 20/8/96

Present ; R.Roth, P. Hawkins, S. de Vos, K. Hampson

Apols. : J.Watson, R. Jarmain, A. Versveld

1. Meeting commenced at 2000hrs. - minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.
2. Matters arising.
Thanks to P.H. & K.H. for organizing quiz at August meeting.
3. Planning
September 11/9/96 - monthly meeting - Talk on Basic Astro Photography by R.R.
 N.B.a. slide projector needed R.J. or J.W.
 b. K.H. to organize overhead projector with St. Charles librarian.
 c. R.J. to suggest in Stardust for members to bring own cameras to meeting.
October 9/10/96 Di Grayson willing to repeat talk on moon & Phases (from Izinkhanyezi) K.H. to confirm
 R.J. to remind members(in Stardust)to bring reflecting balls!!
Future meeteorites & impact crators - R.R.
 Video on Past & Future-Evolution verse Creation Sde V.to arrange
 Ask members at meeting what they want to hear about orlearn
 General Dicussion - End of year party - bring up at next meeting.
4. Membership
 New members : Herman & ChristineBuchler
 Eric & Winnie Strydom
 Mike & Laura Parkes
 Blaze Hollingworth
 David Kain
 Nice to see Charles Davis back at meeting
 P.H. to find out if Mike Imber has resigned or not
5. Correspondence
 Thank you letters were written + letter to A.V. confirming his committee membership - says he is willing-will need help with Projects while away
 J.W. sent list of office beares, minutes of A.G.M. & financial statement to A.S.S.A.
 R.J. to mention in Stardust, Tim's letter & excerpt from Andrew Gray's letter
6. Treasurers Report
 Observatory fund - R403.31 left M.C. has been paid back R3377.55 owing to him
 N.M.C. fund -R745.24
 J.W. has been paid secretarial costs up to June 96
 K.H. & J.W. to put in claims for secretarial, printing & postage etc. quarterly.
 Book present to M.&L.C to come out of N.M.C. fund R145.00
 K.H. as second bank signature still to do
 No need to transfer bank accounts as branch willing to accept new signatures
7. Stardust
 R.J. has in hand
 Telescope advert to put in Stardust - 110mm Refractor + drive & equitorial mount. Contact E.G.(Ted) Gathercole ph.0331 472844

8. Library
 S.de V. To build up video tape collection - can get blanks for +R12.00 - charge fee when loaned out -towards observatory fund.
 S.deV., K.H., J.W., R.J., R.R. to discuss slides needed to make up gaps in collection. R.R. & R.J. to do Photography
 Binding of magazines to put on hold -due to finances-S. de V. to see if he can locate discarded covers at work
 S.deV. & K.H. to investigate outstanding S&T's R.J. to make request in Stardust for members not to keep S&T's out longer than 6 months!
 Books outstanding- Ages in Chaos -I. Velikovsky -J Dye
 Race to Mars -Frank Miles & N. Booth-letter to Anne Turton
9. P.R.O.
 R.J. to contact B.L. re contacts etc for P.R.O. eg. East coast radio , Natal Witness etc.
10. Instruments & Observatory
 R.R., M.C. R.C., I.S., & K.H. met at Observatory site Sat. 18th
 M.C. Handed over to R.R.
 Compaction of floor nearly done. M.C. says will get it done.
 Floor casting - plastic sheeting + 16 metres cost R90.00
 Weld mesh 2 metres - R238.00
 Ready mix concrete 2.5 to 3 metres cost R373.18 cubic metre
 Need + R1500.00 to complete floor
 R.R. & I.S. to move rest of new bricks to R.R. home ? Sat. 31st
 ? ask I.S. to be groundsman for Observatory site ? form sub-committee
 Telescope advert see 7. Stardust
11. Education
 John Schroeder - All Saints church - want Astronomy talk - Topic - Perspective of the Universe J.W. & R.J. to arrange
 Ladsworth Junior School (Std 1 & Std 5 pupils) want Astronomy evening - (covered in curriculum) J.W. & K.H. to arrange.
 Both contacts above say willing to donate towards observatory
12. General
Fundraising - R.J. has made up Astronomy Crossword puzzle send out to other centres maybe even wider distribution
 ? sponsorship for prize ? R5.00 entrance fee
 - Future competition Astronomy Cartoon 2 picture spot the difference - Annette Dybwad , S.deV. , R.J. to draw cartoons
 - R.R. idea to make Astronomy calender -photo's of observatory site , PMB. etc - months depict not only moon phases, but other Astronomical data to be seen eg. Constellations, where planets will be during months etc - need year advance warning to compile. K.H. to find out cost from friend who runs small printing works in JHB.
 K.H. still to find out cost of laminating Moon Map + other large posters also framing of Annette Dybwad's painting FirstLight
 Ask club members at next meeting to come forward with ideas to raise funds for observatory.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING _ Tues 17/9/1996 2000hrs at K.H. home