

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT HOME OF MR. & MRS. J.WATSON

on 15/10/1996

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

1. Meeting commenced at 2000hrs. - minutes of previous meeting read and accepted with addition to 10. Instruments & observatory i.e. Committee in agreement that gas & batteries will be much cheaper & will work just as well as electricity to start with when observatory built.

2. Matters arising

K.H. to write note of thanks on stardust to D.G. for Moon phases talk.  
R.R. to put thank you to D.G. in Stardust.

3. Planning

November 13/11/1996 - NMC to join Natal Centre (Durban) for bring and share supper 1900hrs for First Light mirror wetting of their revamped 12" telescope at St Henry's (Marist Brothers) - J.W. to give details of directions to R.R. for stardust. - members going to meet at 1800hrs at St. Charles & share cars.

December 7/12/1996 - end of year party - lunch braai - bring & share time 1200hrs + continue into afternoon & evening for viewing if weather good (members can bring gardening tools to do some clearing if they want!)  
J.W. has a tarpaulin, R.R. to check on borrowing tarpaulin from varsity.  
K.H. to ask Robin Hall & R.J. re Flee market Canopies (Gazebo's)  
R.R. & A.V. & J.W. skottel Braai's -? gas Braai's  
NMC to donate Charcoal, snacks, wine & fruit juice? cokes etc

4. Membership

New Members - Harry Tunmer  
Resignation - Denis Gilman

5. Correspondence

Thank you letters written to:  
Denis Gilman for R40.00 donation on his resignation  
Ladsworth school Std. 1 pupils for their R100.00 donation  
Get well card sent to Mike Christianson from members  
letter from Andrew Gray - has been elected as alternate to Council  
President - NMC's new council alternate member is B. du Preez  
K.H. to get his address for J.W. to put on mailing list

6. Treasurers Report

R400.00 sent to ASSA - subs for NMC & St. Charles  
J.W. has been paid for outstanding secretarial costs  
General fund R1464.53  
Observatory fund R403.31  
Rubber stamp - R.R. to give stamp kit to P.H. , P.H. will organize the letter part of stamp

7. Stardust

R.R. has in hand - needed heading logo - J.W. gave R.R. ASSA emblem +  
R.R. to type in rest on computer.

8. Library

S&T binding - University will bind any number(size) for R20.00  
Take up R.R.'s suggestion & bind years 94&93 = 4 volumes = R80.00  
J.W. still to phone J. Dyce re Ages in Chaos  
K.H. still to locate W. Herschel re July 95 S&T  
S.de V. to video Astronomy collection "The Astronomers" - 2 video tapes  
cost R28.00 - for library cupboard

9. P.R.O.  
No Report
10. Instruments & Observatory  
Projector screen paid for out of pettishash  
Telescope sold  
Aperture for telescope mountings on floor of observatory marked out  
R.R. to mention need for tree pulling i.e re deforestation at site in Stardust  
R.R. to contact, contact of Mike Christianson re concrete ready mix slab.  
J. Lawrence has taken soil for soil sampling  
Merit in what I. Schroeder said at meeting re. idea of approaching municipal council & investigate giving a grant to NMC -J.W. will make enquiries of council.
11. Education  
Ladsworth School talk, slide & viewing session a success  
All Saints talk on 21/10/96 1800 for 1830 -Journey to the stars  
David Kain is the contact now
12. General  
P.H. requests -beginners course/guide i.e space in Stardust for guide for beginners  
Robin Hall will photostat more R5.00 Crossword copies & give to boys at Michaelhouse to do.  
A.V. wants copy of Starcross to try out  
K.H. spoke to friend re calendar -says would like to see 'proofs' before able to give a cost  
Ask R.J. to go to Publicity Association & ask if they would be willing to sell calendars etc. for us  
N.B.  
Natal Center Durban to host ASSA symposium for 1997 NMC to help  
August -Discuss with Natal Centre at Nov. meeting  
P.H. suggests Rondalia at Hibberdeane a good venue  
Durban University also a likely venue

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** Tues. 19/11/1996 2000hrs at S.de V. Home