

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT HOME OF MR. & MRS. J. WATSON
on 18/3/1997

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

1. Meeting commenced at 2015hrs - minutes of previous meeting read & accepted.

2. Matters Arising

R.J.'s October Stardust revised article read by committee & commented upon.

Nothing more heard from Model Engineering Society - will let R.R. know closer to time when they want NMC. to meet them [±] May, June, July Handbooks arrived reasonably good time - end of January! R.R. & K.H. still to write a complaint - R.R. has done work on it re Sky Map.

3. Planning

Vote of thanks to R.R. for his super lecture on Meteors, meteorites & impact craters.

April 9/4/1997 J.W. lecture on curious galaxies

May 13/5/1997 Telescope Dust off session - Rob Ginslove unusual telescopes, J.W. to phone Geoff Prosser + bring Dancer, + Herman Buchler P.H. to phone.

No problem re St Charles Audio Visual room - cupboard moved successfully.

Future - ? Sundial Building - Bary Lewis K.H. to ask

4. Membership

Prospective members Heather & Patrick Reynolds, Ruth Crippen, Douglas Hall.

K.H. to speak to Prof McGee re Address for Stardust to Geog. Dept.

R.R. to post Stardusts internally to Grayson, Graham (physics) & Kotse

5. Correspondence

Letters Written ; To Tim & Hillary + Newspaper Cutting of Telescopes & Astronomers at observatory

Letters Received: From JHB centre ? from Danie Overbeek

From Tracy Baving - still wanting to become a memb

Update on SCIFEST brochure from Brian Wilmot

If need official Programme to send R10.00 J.W. mic

Applications for Financial Assistance from Dept.

of Culture & Education - J.W. will attempt to fill!

it in - to be sent by 31/3 - & to contact Andries Botha.

Letters to write : Thank you letter to Toti Rotary club
To Anne Renfrew

To Post : Cheque to ASSA - for Handbooks

To send back : J.W. To return Occultation Disc to Danie Overbeek
J.W. will attempt to plot some for Lunar or minor planets occultations later in year.

Symposium : Definetly No symposium this year

6. Treasures Report

Have paid ASSA for handbooks R240.00

Have sold 19 handbooks

Have paid publicity Assosiation for NMC membership 1997 - R55.00

Gen. Fund R1330.00

Obs. Fund R1200.00 - after deductions of payment for plastic + cond

Toti donation R150.00 to go to observatory fund

K.H. sold Telescope belonging to her nephews Mother-in-law for R1000

Mrs. Baris will donate R200.00 from this sale

7. Stardust

R.R. to write shortened Stardust - J.W. to write report of R.R. tal
put in Stardust

8. Library

Nothing to report

S de V. says he will buy some video tapes when he is paid for his new job & start taping videos for the library

Dr. Bary Lewis's brother not coming on a visit now -will still buy & send Sundial book

Cupboard moved successfully

K.H. contacted Wayne Herschell he says he will send back Sky & telescope July 95.

P.R.O.

Outreach to other race groups - maybe through museum

Instruments & Observatory

Plastic bought & put down & conduit for telescopes in place

All ready for concrete floor to be poured

Ventry of Telescopes + *accessories*

K.H. has screen & wooden box

R.R. has box of accessories 2 equitorial mounts, 6" telescope *Newtonian* cover for Dancer + counter wait & box of eye pieces

J.W. has Dancer tube & suitcase of eyepieces

Education

Dates set for running course at Umgeni Valley in July 1st.-24th viewing as part of every night after lectures

To ask R.J. to work out advertising for course

Tues. & Thur. booked with Jeanette Stewart charge R10.00 an evening R60.00 for entire course

Wickham Collegiate want star viewing evening⁺ middle of June 97

?venue? Umgeni Valley J.W. to contact Jeanette Stewart & Pam Esterhuizen Geog. teacher.

12. General

Insurance for NMC equipment - esp. when observatory working + security.

6" Newtonian telescope to be sold to members in parts - committee in agreement to agree on price.

Dr. Granger, Botany Dept. says thanks for Humus from site - but no donation!!

Herbicide "Garlon" to clear up wattles R.R. brother says works well ? cost.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 15/4/1997 at R.R. Home