

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT HOME OF Mr. & Mrs R. ROTH
on 15/4/1997

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

1. Meeting commenced at 2015hrs. -minutes of previous meeting read & accepted.
2. Matters Arising
Comments on R.J. October Stardust article J.W. gave R,J. his ideas - agreed that R.J. must send it to S&T for a try at Focal Point article.
P.M.B. Model Engineering Society meeting Mon. 23rd June -want a practicle demonstration & talk on telescopes and telescope making group to take'scopes with them - contact Goeff Prosser.
R.R. &K.H. still to write complaint to Editor of Handbook.
3. Planning
Vote of thanks to J.W.on superb lecture on curious galaxies.
May meeting 14/5/1997 - Telescope dust off session - J.W. has contacted Rob Ginslove will bring unusual telescope. J.W. has contacted Goeff Prosser ,may be able to come. J.W. will bring Dancer Tube.
K.H. to phone Herman Buchler re to bring his telescope & anything else he has + committee & anyone else to bring theirs. R.J. to mention in Stardust.
June meeting 7/6/1997 - Star party -viewing venue - Umgeni Valley + combined with pupils from Wykham Collegiate N.B.this is a SATURDAY
July A.G.M. 12/7/97N.B. SATURDAY -K.H. to confirm with Annette Dybwad venue at her home + viewing
K.H. to contact St. Charles Librarian re being able to go to Audio Visual classroom over weekend without triggering alarm.to sortout S&T
K.H. still to ask Barrie Lewis re lecture on Sundials
4. Membership
New members Heather & Patrick Reynolds, Beryl Lavender, Guy Lavender.
Prospective Members ± 14
Geog.Dept.Natal University Honory Membership
? re Country membership fee to be brought up at A.G.M.
5. Correspondence
R.J. letter to natal Witness re Hale Bopp for where readers can see it
Letter from Dr. John S. Fisser (missionary) at Scottburgh - to Editor of Stardust re R.J. Wormwood article & enormous comet on head on collision course with earth this year 1997!!! - R.J. to reply -tried to phone Tim Cooper head of comet section ASSA. for any enlightenment re this comet-but he has gone overseas. R.J.will contact him again.
Letters from - Prof.McGee thanking NMC for Hon. Membership forGeog. Dept.
- P.M.B. Trans.Council No grant in aid awarded(J.W. has letter.
Letters still to write - Thank you to Toti Rotary club
Thank You to Penny Baris for R200.00 donation
Contact with Ann renfrew
K.H.to sort out Angela Banting's P/O with Perm hayfields - if no luck
J.W. to go to higher personel.
J.W. sent back Occultation documents to Danie Overbeek + letter
No reply needed to Technology editor of Mail&Guardian Newspaperre cutting edge weekly phocus on science.
J.W, sent application to dept of Education & Culture applying for R800.00 aid.

6. Treasurers REPORT
 K.H. sold another handbook R15.00)-5 still unsold
 S.de V. still owes R15.00 for handbook
 Gen. Fund R1451.13
 Obs. Fund R1215.24 + K.H. owing R200.00 donation made by Penny Baris for sale of Telescope
 Greg Gopul paid subs at meeting
 R50.00 book voucher - to be sent to Mrs G.Secretan Cox for winning cross star puzzle + list of answers.
7. Stardust
 Congratulations to R.R. for March Stardust + big thank you from R.J. his hand is better.
 R.J. says will write a guest article every now & then when living at Jeffreys bay.
 May Stardust in hand.
8. Library
 R28.00 for 2 video tapes K.H. to withdraw from Gen. fund & give to S.de V. to buy video tapes to start recording Astronomer series.
 K.H. to contact St Charles librarian re problem to go to audio visual classroom during weekend.
9. P.R.O.
 R.J. has written letter to Natal Witness telling readers about Hale-Bopp comet where to find it + table including relevant dates + map of sky from sky map.
 J.W. made comments on R.J article from October Stardust.
10. Instruments & Observatory
 J.W. going ahead with contacts re laying obs. floor
 R.R. & Ivan Schroeder have trimmed reinforcing & put in Electrical conduits
 R.R. to investigate further contact re bricklaying.
 R.R. to contact Doug Bowden or Ricky Potts re wattle control scheme
11. Education
 PMB Model Engineering meeting 23 June 1997
 Land Service Camp ? date during July
 1st May Thurs. Bianca Lawrence giving talk on space travel to St Annes needs Binoculars ? time for committee members
 7th June meeting combined with Wykham Collegiate at Umgeni Valley venue to be confirmed
 2nd July replay of Journey to the stars at All Saints
 Course at Umgeni Valley confirmed 8 sessions + viewing Tues & Thurs July 3rd-29th - 2 members interested Leanne Hermann & Heidi Snyman cost R60.00
12. General
 R.R. says PMB model Engineering soc. says Trans Council rethinking about allowing long leases -NMC leasing from girl guides -no problem

NEXT COMMITTEE 20/5/1997 at K.H. home