

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT HOME OF K. HAMPSON
on 20/5/1997

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

1. Meeting commenced at 1955 hrs. minutes of previous meeting read & accepted.

2- Matters Arising.

R.J.'s. October Stardust article + original cartoon sent to S.&T.
Edited version sent to MNASSA
Model Engineers evening Mon 23rd June ± 7.30pm
R.R. & K.H. still to write complaint re Handbook - P.H. says he will try & word a complaint
No apologies from Rob Ginslove or Goeff Prosser for not comming to the meeting with telescopes

3. Planning

Good May meeting - no viewing plenty of telescopes
June meeting N.B. Sat. 7/6/1997 - Star Party at Umgeni Valley with Wykham Collegiate pupils J.W. to confirm time.
July A.G.M. 12/7/1997 confirmed with Annette Dybwad at her home 8A Grimthorpe Ave. + food + viewing,
K.H. still to contact St Charles Librarian re triggering alarm if go to library cupboard over weekend
Barrie Lewis says he will give lecture on Sundials with help re histroy etc. will talk only on how he made his Sept, ?Oct. 1997
21/5/1997 Geog Dept - viewing from Roof weather permitting

4. Membership

New members: Heidi Snyman, carlos de Silva, D. Stevens & son Christopher
Resignation : Michael Schreuder
Suspects.: Hilton College, D. Pitcher, Joan Baxter wants to join again

5. Correspondence

Letters sent : donation thank you's to Penny Baris, & Toti Rotary club
Answer Anne Renfrew farwell letter
Letters received: from G. Secretan-Cpx for Starcross prize
Mr P. Mihalik asking for information on Hisory of N.M.C. & our activities R.J. to answer
R.J. responded to Dr. Fisher 's letter re comet crashes - outcome dr Fisher worried about Hale-Bopp!!
K.H. wrote letter to ASSA re difficulty & short notice with subs & S.&T. subs

6. Treasurers Report

Gen. Fund R656.25
Obs. Fund R1215.24 S.de Vos still owes R15.00 for Handbook R560.00 uot to ASSA for N.M.C. & ST Charles Subs & S.&T.
R.J.'s expences re Oct, Stardust article & postage to be refunded from petty cash cost of book voucher has been refunded.

7. Stardust well under way - lead article (Hale-Bopp) complete

8. Library

K.H. did not pay S.de V. for videos tapes
R.R. & K.H. to sort out S&T's for binding
New book Sundials - History Theory & Practice bought via Barrie Lewis - to refund him R100.00 to review when gets exact price from his brother

9. P.R.O.
R.J.'s letter to Natal Witness got front page re Hale Bopp
+ 2x revamped pct. Stardust article sent to S&T & MNASSA
Pied Blageek printed in MNASSA
R.J. will write to Mr.Mihalik re History of N.M.C. etc,

10. Instruments & Observatroy

- R.R. taking Handyman to Observatry site Thurs.22/5/97 to see iif
he can lay floor & continue with walls J.W will try & go too
P.H. made an offer to R.R. for N.M.C's 6" telescope (old & damaged)
committee accepted his offer of R150.00
R.R. has not contacted Doug Bowden or Ricky Potts yet
Jon Lawrence says will cost ± R500,00 for seeds to grass coverarea
Ivan Schroeder says does not feel safe to go to site to work on
his own - security of site a big problemto be solved

11. Education

- Correction/Course at Umgeni Valley to be run from 1st to 24th July
Model Engineering evening Mon 23rd June 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Landservice camp still no dates
Ladsworth Primary School evening ? Fri. 13th ,K.H. to confirm with
Anne Powell- committee to take telescopes J.W to take slides
Geog Dept. 21/5/1997 bring Binoculars 1730 hrs depending on weather
Isipingo/prospection Rotary club evening 30th June at Umgeni valley
Replay of Journey to the nearest star at All Saints 2nd July

12. General

- ~~Discussion~~ re charge to country members
R.J. to suggest to Dr.Fisher he join as Senior Citizen
P.H. suggests increase in subs Fullmember R50,00
Family member 60.00
Sen.Citizen/Student R30.00
to bring before A.G.M.
N.B. Agenda for A.G.M. for next committee meeting + any nominations
for committee
R.R. suggests to have an award for non committee member for hard
work done forN.M.C. suggests Ivan Schroeder 1st to be awarded
Floating Trophy award ? what to be

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 17/6/1997 at R.J. home