

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF
MR P HAWKINS ON 17 NOVEMBER 1997

PRESENT: R Clifford, K Hampson, L Hearmon, P Hawkins, R Roth, J Watson

APOLOGIES: None

1. J Watson welcomed everyone and the meeting commenced at 19:40.
2. Matters Arising
Rusty Jarman & his wife have left & safely arrived in Jeffrey's Bay.
3. Planning
 - P Hawkins suggested that in the future, not many braais should be arranged, he also said that video evenings should be scarce.
 - R Roth replied in saying that occasionally a video evening should be held.
 - P Hawkins further offered that the tea break should be half way through the meeting, & that there should be a mention of what can be seen in the sky in that respective month.
 - R Roth suggested that there be 2 workshops on telescope making.
4. Membership

I new member: Adv. G Nel

 - Fees for joining at half year will be half price.
 - Mr D Du Prez is to come off the mailing list as he is no longer our council representative.
5. Correspondence

Incoming Mail:

 - Scifest information, MNASSA, newsletters from Bulawayo, Durban, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth & the November 1997 S & T.

Outgoing Mail:

 - A thank you letter to Prof. P Warren for speaking at our meeting.
 - To Mr K Curtis in Bulawayo for his generous donation. J Watson has offered to send our training course notes to Mr K Curtis as he is planning a course himself.
 - A letter to Mr A Gray acknowledging his letter & generous donation.
6. Treasurers Report

General Fund	R1679,70
Observatory Fund	R 915,25

 - With the current problems at Perm Bank the committee have given permission to P Hawkins to explore our options at other banks.
 - R50 was received from Wykeham Colligate.
 - Mr Tunner has been given the equatorial mount & the old S & T's will be sold to him at R110 for the 106 copies he as requested.
 - This money can then be put towards binding more S & T's.
7. Stardust
 - R Roth was complimented on the wonderful job he is doing on Stardust.
 - B Lawrence has her regular column.
 - A regular column will also be given to J Watson.
 - Through P Hawkins, Minolta are interested in doing the Stardust at only the price of the paper & with a small advert in it. P Hawkins will follow up on this.
8. Library
 - K Hampson has started sorting out cards & will make new ones, however, still more work is needed.
 - 3 videos have been given to the library & 'Cosmos' taped by R Roth is still to come.
9. PRO

K Hampson spoke to B Lawrence & she has suggested an event in Cedara. More about this will be discussed at a later date.
10. Instruments & Observatory

More bricks have arrived at the site & work is in progress.

 - R Clifford has been in touch with Mr Cousins about steel & is presently waiting to hear more .

- The sub-committee is still waiting for feedback on various steel prospects.
- R Roth suggested that tubular steel be used for the roof, this was discussed & will be considered.
- The spraying of the site has been done by Mondi & they have also offered to burn the wattles,
- R Clifford suggested that they be invited to the Christmas party as a thank you.
- R Clifford brought examples & diagrams, of the panels of the observatory, with his ideas about the mosaic which could be done on them. These were very impressive.
- R Roth said that the variable frequency generator for the telescope driver has been received.
- Mr P Cramb from the Natal Centre has been in touch with J Watson about Izinkhanyezi & has suggested a fork mounting for the 12 inch telescope.

11. Education

- J Watson spoke at a Rotary meeting lunch at the Imperial Hotel recently.
- J Watson is hoping to get in touch with Mr van Rensburg, ASSA Education Officer, who has been training teachers, & find out what he is doing.

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12. General

- R Roth suggested that badges be made with our logo on it & space for the wearers name. These can be made at R4 & sold for R5. The committee thought this to be a good idea.
- It was decided that more viewing evenings are needed.

Meeting closed at 21:10. Next committee meeting venue to be discussed at a later date.