

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF  
MISS L HEARMON ON 16 MARCH 1998

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

APOLOGIES: Nonc

1. J Watson welcomed everyone and the meeting commenced at 19:45.

2. Matters Arising

A new venue for our meetings was discussed, & it was decided to continue to hold our meetings at City Computers until a suitable venue is found. A number of suggestions were put forward & these will be looked into.

3. Planning

The April meeting will be on the 15th, & it was decided that R Roth will give a talk on telescope mountings. K Hampson, in the meantime, will approach Barry Lewis to give a talk to the society on sundials.

- It has been confirmed that there will be no problem to have our AGM in June instead of July.

4. Membership

1 new member: L Moodley (paid up)

- No other money for subs has come in this month from the defaulters list.

- J P Lassale to get an account this month, L Hearmon to write one up.

5. Correspondence

Incoming Mail:

S & T April, newsletters from Dbn, Jhb, PE & Zim have been received. The TLC have sent application forms, which P Hawkins will fill in, to apply for financial assistance.

Outgoing Mail:

J Watson has written to the Bank to ask for a reduction in their fees charged, & to the revenue service to acquire documentation stating that the society is exempt from tax - this will enable us to apply to Lotto for financial assistance.

6. Treasurers Report

Bank Balance                      R1420,08

7. Stardust

Everything running smoothly so far.

8. Library

The committee will be on the lookout for somewhere to keep our library for a while until we find a permanent place to hold our meetings, & space for our cupboard there.

9. PRO

K Hampson contacted Ms M Joubert, The Year of Science & Technology campaign, to ask about acquiring funds for the society.

- With regard to the star party K Hampson will discuss this with B Lawrence & possibly arrange a sub-committee to organise it.

- Izinkanyezi: R Roth & K Hampson will help J Watson to get some slides, & R Clifford offered some drawings & star charts etc that he has also. Plans are still in the pipelines about arranging a group to go to Izinkanyezi for a day trip.

10. Instruments & Observatory

- Electra Manufacturing has completed the job & have been paid.

- A group went to paint at the observatory last weekend & this weekend has also been set aside to go up & finish off the job.

- All the 'stars' have been made by R Clifford & are ready to put on the walls.

- Also a letter will be written to Mr D Burden of Mondi to thank them for arranging to have the wattles sprayed.

11. Education

J Watson will start organising for the Astronomy course for this year. Ms H Snyman has offered to retype the whole course.

12. General

P Hawkins read a letter he had received from a gentleman in Arizona regarding some telescope parts he would be sending to him.

Meeting closed at 21:05. Next committee meeting to be held at the home of R Roth on 20 April 1998.