ASSA Pretoria Centre – Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 26 July 2006

1 Opening
Michael Poll, as acting chairman of the Centre, opened the meeting.

2 Welcome and Apologies
Michael welcomed all those present and apologies were noted from Tony Viljoen and Casper v d Linde.

3 Approval of Minutes of AGM of July 2005
These were taken as read, with unanimous approval.

4 Chairman’s Report
This was presented by Michael Poll, who, as Vice Chairman, had taken over on the resignation of Neville Young in February. (Copy attached.)

5 Treasurer’s Report
Rynhardt van Rooyen presented an interim financial report as some figures were still outstanding, but he remarked that there will be minimal change to the final figures. The interim cash balance stood at R13 114. (Copy of final report attached.)
   Rynhardt then proposed that in future (from the 2007/08 financial year):
   - the increased subs for family membership be abolished;
   - subs should be increased to R100 or R110, and include one Sky Guide.
   The suggestions were approved (S Liebner) and R110 was agreed upon by the members.

6 Librarian’s Report
A number of new books have been acquired for the library as well as additional copies of Sky and Telescope. Most were from Prof. Walter Wargau’s collection (previous Chairman of the Pretoria Centre).

7 Election of Committee for 2006 – 2007
The following people all expressed willingness to stand on the committee:
Johan Smit          Lorna Higgs          Michael Poll
Pierre Lourens      Rynhardt van Rooyen  Tony Viljoen
Wayne Mitchell      Dirk Wolmarans      Dr Hein Stoltsz
Fred Oosthuizen
No further nominations or offers were received and the proposed committee was accepted by the meeting (M Parsley). Committee meeting on 31 July 2006.

8 Jack Bennett Award
The floating trophy of the Jack Bennett telescope for services to the Pretoria Centre and astronomy was awarded to Rynhardt van Rooyen for his hard work as Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

9 Any Other Business
None.

These minutes were prepared by Lorna Higgs, as the Secretary, Tony Viljoen could not attend the meeting.