

**Minutes of the AGM of the Pretoria Centre of the Astronomical
Association of South Africa**

22nd July 2009

1. Welcome

The chairman, Michael Poll , welcomed the attendees to the meeting, and asked if there were any visitors.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lorna Higgs, Hein Stoltsz, Deon Bure, Bosman Olivier, Casper van der Linde and Michael Furstenburg.

3. Approval of the Minutes of 2008

Michael Poll asked whether the previous minutes had been read. Johan Smit proposed they be accepted and this was seconded by Fred Oosthuizen.

4. Chairman's Report

Michael read out his report for 2008/2009, which described the centre's activities in this period.

The points he mentioned were grouped under the following headings:

- Monthly meetings
- Observing evenings
- Activities
(Note: in addition to Michael's list, Andrie v d Linde mentioned the Symposium in Durban attended by Michael Poll and Andrie and delivered papers.)

- Telescope Making Classes
- Tswaing Observatory Project
- Committee

Michael thanked those that had contributed to the meetings

- The committee met 5 times during the year

A vote was taken that the Chairman's Report be adopted.

5. Treasurer's Report (Rynhardt van Rooyen)

Rynhardt gave a detailed report of income and expenditure.

The main figures were that the income during the year was R14000 and the expenditure ~R6000, resulting in a nett income of R8000. The bank account has a credit of R33000.

Danie Barnardo voted that we accept the report, and this was seconded by Andrie v d Linde.

Rynhardt suggested that purchases can be made to reduce the accumulated funds.

6. Committee Nominations

The following Committee Members agreed to accept nomination for the 2009/2010 committee:

Johan Smit	Michael Poll
Pierre Lourens	Rynhardt van Rooyen
Tony Viljoen	Dr Hein Stoltsz
Fred Oosthuizen	Percy Jacobs
Danie Barnardo	Pat Kuhn

In addition, Gareth Gregory, Andrie v d Linde and Johan Hartmann were nominated, and accepted.

It was asked whether there were any objections to these, and were there any other nominations.

It was proposed by Neville Young and seconded by Fred Oosthuizen that these be accepted.

A new chairman needed to be elected as Michael Poll was stepping down, after completing a period of 3 years in the role.(The maximum period allowed for our centre).

Proposals were asked for, and Fred Oosthuizen proposed Johan Smit. This was seconded by Rynhardt van Rooyen.

Johan Smit was unanimously elected as chairman.

7. Jack Bennett Award

The award was made to Pierre Lourens for the excellent work done as Newsletter Editor.

The citation was read by Michael Poll detailing his contributions to the Centre. Michael Poll presented the award and Jack Bennett Telescope to him.

The meeting ended at 8h05.