

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pretoria Centre of ASSA held on 24 July 2019 at 19:15 in the Auditorium of Mount Edmund Christian Brothers College, Pretoria Road, Silverton.**

**1 Welcome**

The Chairman, Johan Smit, opened the meeting, and welcomed all attendees to the meeting. There were 32 members and visitors present.

**2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Louis Lombard.

**3 Agenda**

The agenda was accepted without change.

**4 Minutes**

The minutes of the 2018 were accepted: proposed Percy Jacobs, seconded Neville Young. There were no matters arising.

**5 Chairman's Report.**

The paid up membership for 2018 -2019 was 57.  
The average attendance at monthly meetings was 25.

The report covered the following:

**5.1 Monthly meetings and activities**

- A list of main topics and presenters at the monthly meetings
- Topics and presenters for Beginner's Corner
- Names of presenters of What's Up?
- Persons who have chaired the monthly meetings
- Observing evenings report
- A list of outreach activities presented during the year, including a summary of dark sky weekends, together with the names of participants in these events.

**5.2 Section reports:**

- Telescope making class, including Scopex
- Curator of instruments
- Library
- Website
- Newsletter editor
- Observations co-ordinator
- Publicity

**5.3 Committee**

- Membership
- Number of meetings.

**5.4 Thanks**

- To CBC for use of facilities.
- To Michael Moller and his employer for allowing us to use their premises for Committee Meetings.
- To all members who have contributed to the running and activities of the Centre.

**5.5 State of the Society :**

The Chairman noted the following:

- Membership numbers have fallen from 121 in 2002-2003 to 57 in 2018 -2019.
- Average attendance for the year is 23, it has been as high as 70 in the past (2002- 2003)
- It is becoming difficult to obtain outside speakers.

