

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-Third Session.

Minutes of second Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 16th September at 8.15 P.M. In the absence of both Mr. D. C. Alletson and Capt. D. Cameron-Swan, Mr. Watson presided at the meeting.

The Minutes of ordinary meeting held on the 19th August 1936, were read and confirmed.

No further nominations were received.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. W. Eaton, of the Johannesburg Centre, has now joined the Cape Centre of the Society.

Cuttings from the Rand Daily Mail, sent to the Hon. Secretary by Mr. H. E. Houghton, and dealing with the proposed formation of an Astronomical Society at Benoni, were read to the meeting. It was decided that the Hon. Secretary should write to Mr. Houghton asking him for the address of the Secretary of the Benoni society when such is formed, so that a copy of the Society of South Africa's Constitution may be posted to them.

Mr. Long informed members that Mr. E. J. Steer had handed him a Comet Medal, won by the late Mr. C. S. Taylor, a former member of the Cape Astronomical Association, for presentation to the Cape Centre.

The meeting decided to accept this gift, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Steer, ~~informing~~ ^{thank-}ing him of for the gift. The medal was to adorn the walls of the Centre's observatory.

Mr. H. W. Schaegevel in his paper on "The Moon" covered his ground very thoroughly, and a most interesting talk was made very enjoyable by ~~some~~ excellent slides of the lunar surface shown on the screen. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Schaegevel replied to questions put to him by Messrs Watson, Long, and Lonsdale.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer for his informative address.

A letter received by the Hon. Secretary ^{from Mr. D.C. Alletson} was read to the meeting. Mr. Alletson stated in his letter that a sudden change in his plans meant that in future he would ~~not~~ ^{be} unable to attend meetings very regularly, and he felt therefore that he should resign his position as Chairman and as a Committee member.

The meeting accepted Mr. Alletson's resignation with regret. Nominations for the position of Chairman were called for, and two nominations were received, namely, for Dr. Hoy and Mr. Watson. On a show of hands, Dr. R. H. Hoy was declared duly elected Chairman for the remainder of the session.

It was announced that the speaker at the next meeting of the Centre, would be Dr. Halas, who would enlarge on his Theory of ~~Ev~~ the Earth's Evolution, in the light of Astronomical data.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

D. Cameron-Swan.

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21 Oct: 1936.