

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-third session

Minutes of Fifth Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St., Cape Town on Wednesday the 17th March at 8.15 P.M. Dr. R. H. Stoy was in the Chair. The attendance was poor.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th November 1936, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter received from the Rev. E. B. Ford, in which he nominated Mr. C. H. Morris, of Dewetsdorp, as a member for membership. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

Dr. Stoy reported that Mr. Davies, one of the Centre's enthusiastic younger members, has been transferred to Natal.

Mr. A. W. Long, during a report on the working of the Society's telescope, intimated that he was finding that the supervision of the observatory took more time than he could give to that work, and asked the meeting to approve of Mr. Linton taking charge of the telescope on Wednesday nights. This was agreed to.

The meeting next heard Mr. H. E. Houghton deliver a most interesting address on the subject, "An Early Pocket Star Atlas". The atlas was published 300 years ago, and although the diameters of stars were overestimated and the distances of stars and of our sun underestimated, the other information supplied was of great accuracy. The constellations were depicted with great fidelity. Mr. Landers showed the illustrations on the screen by means of the Epidiascope.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer by the meeting at the conclusion of his address. General discussion on some points of

the subject took place, after which the meeting closed.

R. H. Stoy
21/4/37.

Committee Meeting.

At a meeting of the Cape Centre Committee held at the Mountain Club room, Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St, Cape Town, ^{at 8 P.M. on April 21st 1937,} the following names were considered and passed for election: Mr. C. H. Morris, Box 62, Dewetsdorp, O.F.S., pro. E. B. Ford, sec. A. W. Long; Mr. J. H. Attwood, Box 23, Paulpietersburg, Natal, pro. A. W. Long, sec. R. H. Stoy; Mr. W. van Warmelo, 978 Park St, Pretoria, pro. E. Enslin, sec. H. E. Houghton.

R. H. Stoy.
5/7/37.