

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-third Session.

Minutes of Seventh Ordinary meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 19th May at 8.15 P.M. Dr. Stoy was in the Chair. There was a moderate attendance.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st April 1937, were read and confirmed.

No further nominations were received.

Dr. Stoy informed members that 10⁷/₆ towards the Telescope Fund had been received from Mr. H. Russell. Mr. Long reported a month of very unfavourable observing conditions, in consequence of which there was nothing to report as regards the use of the Society's telescope.

The meeting moved that the Hon. Secretary write to Mr. H. E. Houghton, conveying to him the congratulations of the Cape Centre on the receipt of the honour of M. B. E. conferred on him by H. M. King George VI.

Mr. Long helped to elucidate his lecture on "Transits of Mercury and Venus" by means of two models of the planes of the orbits of the Earth and Venus, and of the Earth and Mercury, showing very clearly that ~~eclipses~~^{transits} of these planets can only take place at or near the points of intersection (the Nodes) of the Planes of the Earth and of each of the planets.

At the conclusion of the address, Mr. W. Andrews moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Long, and this was passed by the meeting with acclamation.

Members were informed that Mr. L. T. Davis, a member of the staff at the Cape Observatory, would speak at the next meeting, on the accurate determination of Time. The meeting then terminated.

R. H. Stoy
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