

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-Fourth Session

Minutes of Eighth Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand to Cape Town on Wednesday the 15th June 1938, at 8.15 P.M. The attendance was fair. In the absence of the Hon Secretary, Mr. Turner deputised.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th May were read, and after a slight amendment, confirmed.

A letter from Mr. J. S. Flett, giving particulars of a telescope which he has for sale, was read.

Mr. J. S. Swayde lectured on "Navigational Problems". Methods of determining a ship's position on the earth were described, and ways of finding the force of ocean currents. The lecturer explained the method employed in guiding ships and aeroplanes into port in foggy weather. The measurement of speed, depth of the ocean, latitude & longitude from astronomical observations were described to the audience.

At the conclusion of the lecture, a vote of thanks to Mr. Swayde, moved by Dr. Hoy, was passed with acclamation by those present.

The meeting then terminated.

H. W. Schonegevel

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