

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Minutes of Twenty-Fifth Annual General Meeting.

The twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Cape Centre was held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St on Wednesday the 19th July at 8.15 P.M. Mr. Schonegevel presided. The attendance was fair.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 20th July 1938, were read and confirmed.

The names of Prof. H. Bell-John, P.O. Box 734, Pretoria, and of Mr. R. H. Bicknell of Southern Rhodesia, having been considered and passed ~~for~~ by the Committee, were read for election, and were \neq unanimously elected to membership.

The Chairman informed the meeting that 12 new variable stars had been discovered on photographic plates by Mr. J. B. S. Turner, and the observations published in the Monthly Notices of the R. A. Society.

The Annual Report presented by the Committee and read by the Hon. Secretary, was accepted by the meeting.

The Financial Statement presented by the Hon. Treasurer showed:

Balance at 30/6/38,	£ 3 · 4 · 7
Subscriptions: Arrear	6 6 0
Current year	41 5 0
Advance	<u>2 7 3</u>
	49 18 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ donation.
	making total of £54 · 2/10

After deducting expenses for the year, a balance of £1 · 5/5 was left.

The following officers and members of Committee were elected unanimously: Chairman, Mr. H. W. Schonegevel, hon. Mr. Turner, sec. Dr. Jackson;

Vice-Chairman, Capt. Cameron-Iwan, hon. Mr. Menzies, sec. Mr. Turner.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. Menzies hon. Mr. Schonegevel, sec. Mr. Andra

Treasurer; Mr. Turner, hon. Mr. Schonegevel, sec. Mr. Menzies.

Librarian: Mr. Andrews, for Mr. Menzies, see Mr. Choneyevet.
 Auditor: Mr. E. G. Mees.

Members of Committee: Messrs Knamm, for Mr. Turner see
 Dr. Jackson: Reed, for Dr. Jackson, see Mr. Landers, and
 Hirst, for Mr. Knamm, see Mr. Reed: Dr. Jackson, for
 Mr. Andrews, see Mr. Landers and Dr. Hoy, for Mr. Menzies, see
 Mr. Andrews.

The Chairman invited members who had been observing Mars, to inform the meeting of their observations.
 Mr. Hirst replied that he had a glimpse of the planet on the Sunday night previous to the meeting, through the 18-inch refractor at the Royal Observatory, but conditions were too poor for so many features to be visible. Dr. Jackson had also observed the planet.

The Hon. Secretary was asked by members to write to Mr. Long, expressing the gratification of the Centre at the news that Mr. Long's health was improving progressively.

Mr. W. P. Hirst delivered a very interesting address on 'Relativity ~~and~~ Astronomy'. Diagrams and formulae on the blackboard enabled members to follow the lecture, and illustrated the arguments involved in the concept of Relativity.

At the conclusion of the lecture Dr. Jackson spoke on the history of the proof of Relativity by the effect of the Sun's gravitational field on the light of a star close to the Sun's disc, seen during a total eclipse. The ~~see~~ eclipse of 1919 ^{was} ~~was~~ the most favourable one for the observation of the shift in stellar positions, owing to the rich star field in the eclipse region.

Dr. Jackson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Hirst, which was passed with acclamation.

This concluded the business for the evening.

17. 7. 1940

W. Choneyevet