

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)
Committee Meeting.

At a meeting of the Cape Centre Committee held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 19th May 1943 at 8 P.M., the names of Mr. J. H. Veldhuizen, Military Road, Retreat. Mr. Menzies, sec. Dr. Hoy, and Mr. J. D. Livingston, "Sherwood", Brighton Crescent, Camps Bay. were considered and passed for election.

J. H. Veldhuizen

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)
Twenty-ninth Session

Minutes of seventh Ordinary Meeting of the session held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 19th May 1943 at 8.15 P.M. Dr. Hoy presided. The attendance was good.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st April 1943 were read and after an amendment, confirmed.

The following gentlemen, whose names had been considered and passed by the Committee, were unanimously elected Members of the Society: Mr. J. D. Livingston, "Sherwood", Brighton Crescent, Camps Bay. Mr. Menzies, sec. Dr. Hoy. Mr. J. H. Veldhuizen, Military Road, Retreat. Mr. Menzies sec. Dr. Hoy.

A letter received by the Hon. Secretary from Miss Joan Robinson was read to the meeting. Miss Robinson had been invalided out of the Army, and was undergoing treatment, but hoped to take an active part in the affairs of the Society when ~~able to get about~~ again fully recovered from her illness.

Dr. Jackson gave a talk on stellar photography, and on the lives of and work of famous ~~and~~ photographers of the 19th century. Star clusters, nebulae, and regions depicted on Franklin Adams charts were shown on the screen. Isaac Roberts was the first to receive the Gold Medal of the Royal Astr. Society for astronomical photography in 1895, followed by Barnard in 1897. The works of Roberts and Barnard were on view, together with a set of Franklin Adams charts, which

recorded stars down to the 14th magnitude (Photographic).

Mr. Hirst gave details of the observations taken of an unusual double star. The observations gave a peculiar ~~curve~~ curve which would not fit any ellipse. The speaker propounded various theories to account for the observed phenomena, one being that the system was a triple, one of the components of the double being itself a double.

An interesting evening closed with the adjournment of the meeting at 21.50.

A. W. Schonegevel

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 16th June 1943 at 8.0 P.M.

Present: Mr Schonegevel (in the Chair) Dr. Jackson, Messrs Hirst, Krumm, de Kock, ^{Davies} and the Hon. Secretary. Mr. Tillitts had tendered his apologies for his absence, as work at Simonstown made it impossible for him to attend.

The Minutes of Committee Meetings held on the 17th March 1943, 21st April and 19th May 1943 were read and confirmed.

Mr. Krumm reported a balance in hand of £25.

The following names were considered and passed for election: Miss Avenil Deacon, "Lotana", Portwood Rd., Green Point pro. Dr Jackson, sec. Mr Hirst: Mr. Arnold Mortimer Kirkman, 9, Adderley St., Cradock, C.P., pro. Mr. de Villiers, sec. Mr. Krumm.

The Hon. Secretary read the draft Annual Report which was adopted by ~~the~~ Committee. Dr. Jackson said that a combined meeting of the Royal Society of S. Africa and the Astronomical Society had been arranged for August, when the life and work of ^{the late} Sir David Gill would be the subject for the evening.

It was decided to hold a combined Cape Centre and Astronomical Society of S. Africa meeting for July.