

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Thirty-First Session.

Minutes of First Ordinary meeting of the session, held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 16th August 1944 at 7.45 P.M. Mr. Schonegevel presided. The attendance was fair.

The Minutes of an Observational Meeting held on the 21st June 1944 were read and confirmed. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th July 1944 were read for the information of members.

Mr. Alvin Hobby, Namwianga Mission, Kalomo, N. Rhodesia ~~was~~ Dr. Story, sec. Mr. Krumm, was unanimously elected a Member of the Society.

Mr. Krumm read a paper by Mr. Bell of Durban on the 'Origin of Planetary Systems'. The reasons for and against the Collision theory, the Capture Theory, and the Tidal theory are given in the paper. One of the great difficulties of planetary theories. At the conclusion of the reading, Mr. Hirst was the accounting for the large angular momentum of the planets compared to that of the sun.

At the conclusion of the reading, Mr. Hirst explained his theory of explosions within a star to account for the formation of planets, while Dr. Story illustrated on the black-board the Grazing-Collision Theory.

An interesting evening ended by the meeting adjourning at 9.15 P.M.

20 Sep 1944

AW Schonegevel
Chairman

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Committee Meeting.

At a meeting of the Cape Centre Committee held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 20th Sept 1944, the name of Mr. H. H. Shepley, "Fairlaw", Weltevreden Avenue, Rondebosch was Dr. Story sec. Mr. Menzies was considered and passed for election

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