

Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday
24th February 1954 at 8.15 pm.

Present: - Mr E. H. Tibbitts (Chm-) Dr. T. S. Evans, Messrs Borchards, Chilton, &
the Secretary &, by invitation, Dr. R. H. Stoy.

Apologies were received from Mr Krumm & Mr Chiat.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Krumm in which he stated that the
Centre's Credit Balance was £9-5-5. The Secretary produced forms
from the Guardian Savings Bank & the Johannesburg Building Society. It was
decided that the opening of an account be postponed until Mr Krumm's
views were known.

The election of Mr Pedersen as an Associate Member was confirmed
subject to the necessary amendment being made on his application form
which stated that he wished to join as a Student Member.

It was proposed by Mr Borchards & seconded by Dr Evans & agreed
by the meeting that Mr Pinczyk be co-opted to the Committee in
place of Mr Archer who had resigned on returning to the University.

The following programme was proposed: -

March 10. Mr Chilton	May 12 Prof Ellis
April 14 Prof James	June 9 Mr Beggs.

Mr Chilton & Prof James had agreed to these dates & it was
proposed that if Mr Beggs did not return from Pretoria in time for the
meeting on June 9 it should be postponed to the following week.

The following were suggested as possible speakers for the future:

Mr Duncan, Mr Heist, Prof Walker, Mrs Matthias.

As there was now a waiting list of 160 people ^{who wished} ~~wishing~~ to visit
the Observatory, it was agreed that there should be two visitors
nights per month & if possible, about 30 people each night. Dr
Stoy said that if necessary, two telescopes could be used. It was
decided that from June next the second & fourth Saturdays of each month
would be open nights & that instead of individual permits, a
general notice suitably worded would be prepared & sent to all applicants.

E. H. Tibbitts
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