

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1954.

Present :- Prof G.H.Menzies in the Chair, Dr. Cousins, Messrs Borchardt, Chitt, Chilton, Kroum, Paniczyk, Gibbitts & the Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Following thereon the Secretary stated that confirmation of Mr White's age as 15 had been received & he had been duly elected as a Student Member.

The Treasurer stated that the Centre's balance was now £11.

The Treasurer stated that a new screen 72" x 80" would cost £27, & one 30" x 40" would cost £10. It was decided that <sup>as</sup> the smaller screen would not be suitable & as the Centre could not afford the larger one, the matter should be held over. In the meantime it was decided to adopt a suggestion made by Mr Borchardt that the existing screen be aluminised & Mr Borchardt undertook to have this done.

It was decided that the Secretary should write to Dr D. Koelblek at the Radcliffe Observatory, requesting him to address the November meeting on his return to Cape Town. In the event of his being unable to do so Prof Menzies suggested that Mr D. R. Hendrikz of the Trig Survey Office be asked to speak.

The Secretary reported that a member had enquired whether the Centre wished to dispose of the old lantern. No offer had been made. The Committee agreed that before considering any offer the ownership of the lantern should be established & Dr. Cousins undertook to make some enquiries.

It was agreed that Mr Kroum place an order for new letterheads as the stock, acquired sometime in the 1930's, had been used.

The Committee discussed a suggestion that Visitors be asked to sign a book on Visitor nights. The suggestion was not adopted.

G.H.Menzies  
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