

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Royal Observatory at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 February, 1963, just before the Annual Observational Meeting.

Present: Messrs Mr. J. Sierhoff in the Chair, Dr. A. Cousins ad messrs. Atkins, Weinberg ad Wellyate, ad the Hon. Secretary.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Bonducci, who was organizing the telescope exhibition.

The minutes of the previous Committee meeting were read ad confirmed.

Arising therefrom the secretary stated that he had received negative replies from Professor le Roux of Stellenbosch ad Drs. Fuller ad Simpson of the University of Cape Town as regards their addressing the March meeting. ~~Each~~ of them found the start of the academic year an inconvenient time in which to prepare lectures of the nature required. While Prof. le Roux had expressed doubt that his subject - ^{teaching of} mathematics - would be a suitable subject, both Dr. Fuller ad Simpson had expressed their willingness to address the Centre at a later date. This was to be borne in mind.

A suggestion by the Chairman that the March Meeting take the form of a Symposium on the recent solar eclipse received unanimous support, ad he ad the Secretary would meet Members who had observed the phenomenon with a view to organising the symposium.

Dr. Cousins said that Sir Richard Woolley, the Astronomer Royal, would probably visit Cape Town in April ad suggested that the centre leave the April meeting open with a view to the possibility of his addressing meetings.

A new rota for visiting evenings was drawn up until the end of March.

Mr. In reply to a question by Mr. Atkins as to whether his son could belong to the Centre without being a Society Member. At the ~~was~~ fact that such a practice had existed for a very long time.

It was decided that Dr. Stay be approached with regard to methods of publicizing the Essay Competitions.

The Chairman announced that Mrs Lucy Ben of the Cape Argus was present at the Observational Meeting together with a photographer ~~and~~ ⁱⁿ order to gather material for the ~~falling~~ article in the "Where People Meet" series.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

Kimberhoff
Chairman
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