

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the  
Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m. on Monday  
10th February, 1964.

The Chairman, Mr. G. R. Atkins, presided.

Apology for absence was received from Mr. Lagerweij.  
The minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Bondiotti stated that he had been involved in cataloguing the books belonging to the Society for some time, a task which had turned out to be a long one in view of an unexpectedly large number of works was well on its way but would still take some time.

The Committee after some discussion, decided a fixed charge of 5/- a cup be levied for tea. ~~The unanimous~~ decision that H.M.A. Dr. Shaw be allowed to use the Centre's tea equipment ~~for~~ for other meetings was carried unanimously.

Thereafter the Committee discussed possible speakers during the coming months. Mr. Bondiotti asked if a book on life on other planets would not be suitable and Mr. Bondiotti said that he would ask a lecturer in the Zoology Department in this regard. Mr. Atkins recalled an interesting address by a member of the R.O. Staff in which surveys were shown the 40" telescope, and the Secretary said he would approach the Mr. T. Russo in this regard.

Among other suggestions Mr. Krume proposed that monthly notices of the <sup>British</sup> Royal Astronomical Association be read out and clarified where necessary by senior astronomers, and this would be borne in mind in the future.

The Secretary proposed a motion of thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Atkins for initiating the serving of tea at meetings - this was unanimously adopted.

A discussion then ensued as to the possibility of a Donation by the Centre towards the Telescope Making ~~from~~ Section. with the object of assisting the erection of a permanent domed building to house a 12" telescope that could be used by the Centre.

Mr. Kinn proposed that the matter be put to a General Meeting of the Centre, and it was agreed that this be done and that the Secretary draft a 'newsletter' in which details of the telescope dome project could be circulated to all members.

Mr. Bonditti raised the matter of the reelection of a new Chairman each year just when the outgoing Chairman had become accustomed to the position, and asked if there ~~was~~ was any reason as to why a Chairman could not serve a second consecutive term. There appeared to be no written rule, and ~~that~~ it seemed that the system whereby the Chairman resigned each year was purely traditional. This matter would be reconsidered later.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7.00 p.m.

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