

Minutes of the ordinary General meeting of the Centre held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday, 11th March, 1970 at 8.00 p.m.

The Chairman Mr W. Greenwood presided. There were 28 members and 8 guests present.

There were apologies for Mr Naylor and Mr Oprea who were unable to attend.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The Chairman advised members that the April meeting would have special interest for them. Mr Harding had kindly agreed that the equipment of the Observatory could be demonstrated to the members. Mr Greenwood had arranged for the Staff to be present.

At the May meeting Mr Douchin of the I.C.T. would address the Centre & it was hoped that Mr Faircliff would be able to address the June meeting.

Mr Greenwood gave a résumé of what happened at the grazing occultation which was observed just beyond Tower Road on 1.3.70.

The whole operation was extremely successful from all points of view & particular thanks were due to the members of the Trig. Survey who turned out & ~~we~~ helped to make it so successful. They brought with them two crystal clocks, six walkie-talkies & other equipment. Thanks were also due to the SATC for arranging the time signals. All in all, however, lessons were learned.

The meeting suggested that the Editor of MINASSA be requested to publish the Co-ordinates of the transit of Mercury due shortly.

Mr. Greenwood then called on Mr. Alexander of the Observatory to address the meeting. A well illustrated and informative talk on "Stellar Populations in the Galaxy," followed. There were quite a few questions.

Mr. Hardy thanked Mr. Alexander for his interesting talk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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