

Minutes of a committee meeting held
at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday
20th May, 1970, at 8.00 pm.

Present - Mr W. Greenwood in the Chair,
Messrs Atkin, Rarmouth, Pevsels &
Savell with the Secretary in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read by the Secretary & approved
by the meeting.

Chairman - Mr Atkin reported that the 12"
telescope was virtually complete with
the main exception that the mirror
was not determined. He would
approach Mr Harding in this regard.

Further to the suggestion that ~~the~~
lectures to encourage the Public in the
interest of Astronomy it was reported
that there had been suggestions that
some members found that our
present lectures at the monthly
meetings do not satisfy all.
It was suggested that when the
weather was inclement at the visits
Saturday nights a popular lecture
on fundamental astronomy could be
given. It was also suggested that
before starting the visits every
week a short lecture covering such subjects as
The Night Sky, Planets etc should be

given.

Mr. Atkins reported that he had spent about R120.00 to-date on the 12" telescope. There was about R63.00 in the Telescopes Making Fund.

The total cost of the telescope & dome would be about R300.00. Some

discussion ensued as to the uses to which it could be put and it is suggested that the following could be included in the programme of use:

- i) Variable Stars
- ii) Planetary Observation
- iii) Moon
- iv) Cometary Search
- v) Nova Search.

Mr. Greenwood would be overseas for the Annual General Meeting & he undertook to ask Mr. Harding to address the meeting in his stead & to speak on the uses to which the 12" Amateur Telescope could be put.

Finance There was, at date, R137.40 in the General Fund & R8.90 in the Telescope Fund. - Roughly the same as at the end of the previous year.

Declining membership ^{at the Centre} was discussed at some length & it was agreed that ~~as~~ a Centre application form be attached to forms for new members in this area. Also present Society

members be circulated with
MAYASSA & Sky & Telescope, and that
a Notice be put up on Vesta's nights &
vestas be invited to join.

The Chairman at the A.R.M. would
appeal to those present to join the Club.

It was decided to repeat the £5.00
donation to S.A.S.

The Secretary was requested to
arrange 7/8p Notices for display in
the City Libraries in an endeavour to
attract members.

The following were suggested
for the incoming committee

Chairman	Mr. Fossil
Vice-Chair	" Greenwood
Secretary	" Talyour
Treasurer	" Scoville
Auditor	" Orpen
Committee	" Atkins
	" Carter
	" Hammond
	" Neal
	" Ponsick
	" Wrenbury
General Rep.	" Baudelotti

The Chairman suggested that
the incoming committee investigate the
introduction of a Centre Constitution.

Tea Dates

Tea - Messrs Athol & Lamont
July - " Saville & Pascoe.

There being no further business the meeting
closed at 9.37 p.m.