

Minutes of a committee meeting held at
the Royal Observatory on Tuesday, 3rd November
1970

Present Mr. Hurley in the chair, Dr. Fairall,
Messrs Saville, Atkins, Penick, ^{Mr. Harding} with the
Secretary in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting
were taken or read.

Visitors nights. Mr. Walpole would
organise.

Tea club Mr. Saville would arrange,
Open evening - July 1971 (6th July) Mr. Walpole
would arrange guide with Mr. Harding.

There was R 147.49 owed to Mr. Atkins in
respect of the 12" telescope. It was agreed that
the R 65.00 in the telescope fund would be
transferred to Mr. Atkins. The R 8.90 in the
Society Fund to be paid to Mr. Atkins. The
treasurer would arrange to pay the balance
owing to Mr. Atkins.

It was agreed to spend plus/minus
R 21.00 for the purchase of an aluminium
ladder. It was suggested that to
make the instrument more useful
the telescope be completed with
eye piece. The R.O. may be able to
make a long term loan of suitable
eye pieces.

It was tentatively suggested that
the official opening of the 12" telescope be
held in March. Past members and all

was to be invited. Mr. Atkins would be invited to give a lecture & slide show in connection with the opening.

Mr. Soell reported that he had been quoted R19.00 for the printing of 500 memberships and. Dr. Fainall would investigate the possibility of the U.C.T. doing the printing.

Mr. Harby discussed the possibility of obtaining publicity for the Society. He would write to The Argus, De Buiques & The Times. Mr. Harding suggested that application forms be available at the meeting on 5th December. Mr. Parrish would arrange suitable notices in the U.C.T. notice boards. Mr. Harding would contact Radio Good Hope.

It was suggested that the amateur telescopes be checked occasionally.

It was suggested that copies of the Club Rules be ~~re~~ reworded and handed to members.

Mr. Harby said he felt very strongly that copies of the Annual Handbook be sent to Associate members, and also book members of Sky and Telescope. The Centre would encourage the distribution of these to all Centre associate members.

In general it was agreed that there was a need for Variable Star Observers.

A panel of three was in existence to encourage observation of

occultations and it was noted that there
would be no worthwhile grazing
occultations during the next 6-9 months.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.