

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE CAPE CENTRE HELD AT THE OBSERVATORY
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST, 1972 AT 8.00 P.M.

Present: Mr. R.F. Hurly in the chair, 22 members and 2 visitors present.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 11th August, 1971 were read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. A. Fairall,
Mr. G. ^AHarding and Mr. W.C. Bentley.

The chairman commenced his report by referring to the loss during the year of Mr. I. Weinberg and Mr. H. ^CLagerweij, valued members who had left their mark on the Society. He then gave a resumé of the meetings held during the year and said that an average attendance of 45 was higher than last year. He was pleased to report that a very successful summer school had been held at the U.C.T. in February.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Secretary who ^e despite very long service in that position continued to display a keen interest and ^{had made} makes the chairman's job a sinecure, also to the Treasurer who had seen that our finances are on an even keel, to the members of the Committee and to Mr. J. Bondietti who had represented this Centre on the Society Council.

Mr. N.O. Neal then proposed that Mr. G.R. Atkins be made a life member in recognition of the keen interest he had taken in the Centre. This was seconded by Mr. ^{Simonhoff} ~~Simonoff~~ and carried unanimously.

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The Treasurer, Mr. N. Saville presented the financial statement which disclosed a balance in bank of R157,77 compared with R100,32 at the end of last year. The statement was approved and adopted.

Mr. J. Bondietti proposed that the Committee considers the replacement of tea pots and biscuit plates and the provision of a suitable cupboard in which to keep the Centre's crockery. He also suggested that consideration should be given to having the Ron Atkins telescope insured. Mr. N.O. Neal then enquired whether it had been decided to purchase a new automatic projector and was advised that as this would cost not less than R100 ^{the note had} this would be left in abeyance.

The following office bearers for the coming year were then elected :-

Chairman	:	Mr. G.W. Grimwood
Vice-Chairman	:	Mr. R.F. Hurly
Secretary	:	Mr. H.B. Molyneux
Treasurer	:	Mr. N. Saville
Council Representative	:	Mr. J. Bondietti
Committee	:	Messrs. R.P. de Kock, C.H. Larmuth, G.H. Larmuth, K. Rochford and C.R.G. Turk

The retiring chairman, Mr. R.F. Hurly, then addressed the meeting on "Moonwatch in context" which proved to be a most entertaining talk commencing with his own introduction to the Society when he became ^{involved} involved with the Moonwatch team at its formation, fifteen years ago. This team did valuable work recording the earlier satellites and operated for twelve years.

Mr. K. Rochford proposed a vote of thanks and the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Two very valued members of our Centre passed on during the year, Mr. I. Weinberg and Mr. H. Lagerweij. Both left their mark on the society here in the Cape.

The usual number of meetings were held during the year and attendances at 45 were rather higher than before.

Speakers were Mr. K. Rochford in Amateur Astronomy in Australia, Mr. J.H.E. Fitchen in "Astronomy and Geodetic Survey in S.A.", Mr. John Gilmour on "Field Notes on the Eclipse of the Sun at Calvinia" at which Mr. Lewis Lewis' film of the event was also shown, Dr. Glass on "Infra-red Astronomy", Sir Richard Woolley on "Astronomy in S.A.", Mr. Hurly who introduced two space films and Professor Brian Warner who spoke on "Dwarf Nebulae".

The June meeting was held at the Beattie Theatre, U.C.T. and at the Meeting Professor Jarrett, President of the Society presented the MacIntyre award to Dr. and Mrs. David S. Evans and the latter then addressed the gathering on "Unique Events in Astronomy".

About 135 persons were present. The Annual observation meeting was held as usual in February.

With a very successful summer school held at U.C.T. in February and the celebrations of the 60th Anniversary of the Cape Centre and the 50th of the Society, it is my pleasure to report on a full and successful year.

My thanks to the Secretary who despite very long service in this position continues to display a keen interest and makes the chairman's job a sinecure, to the Treasurer who has seen that our finances are on an even keel and to the members of the committee and to Mr. Bondietti who has represented this Centre on the Society Council.

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CAPE CENTRE

1971/72

Financial Statement for the ~~year ended~~ Session ended 30/06/72

Opening balance as/ at 1/7/71 R c
100-32

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	57-25(28-75)	
Donation from G.R. Atkins	50-00 * - R10 R10	
Key Deposit	<u>0-50</u>	<u>107-75</u>
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EXPENDITURE

Refreshments

Teas	5-02	
Washing-up	<u>4-00</u>	9-02 (11-51)

Postages & Stationery 9-63 (6-35)

Flowers, & Donation to
Chris Barnard Fund 8-00

Eyepiece for Telescope 6-95

"Atlas of the Universe" book
presented to Council Library 7-95

PVC sheeting for Telescope Dome
Maintenance 8-75 50-30

BALANCE AS PER BANK PASS BOOK

R 157-77

117-77
40-00

*of which
is for general
for telescope notes*

N.B. Subscriptions include two instances of back-payments of R1-00 each.

Interest on Savings Account has not yet been incorporated into the bank pass book, and should amount to about R6-00. Our true bank balance is therefore about R164.

The 50c key-deposit is refundable to the member who has hired the key.