

Minutes of the Ordinary General meeting of the centre held at the Observatory on Wednesday 13th June, 1973, at 8.00 p.m.

L. R. R. F. Harley, the vice-chairman, took the chair. There were 34 members and visitors present.

The occultations on May 10th at Klapmuts and on June 12th at Cape Town were washed out by cloud soon. Members were reminded that a 3rd magnitude star would be occulted on Oct 4th - Hath of Darling. Details would be announced later.

A newly discovered comet would be easily visible towards the end of the year. It would, according to present prediction, be at perihelion on December 29th. Observational details would be available later.

The chairman wanted to know how many members were actually engaged in Astronomy. At about 11 hands showed that about 30% was busy and he suggested that much more use could be made of the 12 inch R.A. Allen's telescope.

The next centre meeting would be held on July 11th.

As there was no further business Mr. Hurley introduced Mr. Clewys of the staff of the Observatory who presented a very interesting and well illustrated lecture on the origin of the Constellations. By a detailed examination of ancient Greek records it was shown where and when the constellations must have been originally defined.

Mr. Turk suitably thanked Mr. Clewys.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned for tea at 9.40 pm

G. B. Turk.

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