

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Centre held at the Observatory on Wednesday 8th August 1973 at 8.00pm

In the absence of the Chairman Mr W. Greenwood on overseas leave, the vice-chairman Mr R. Hardy took the chair.

A very warm welcome was extended to Mr H. Krumm and Mr T. Stewart from New York.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

As Mr Greenwood had presented his address at the ~~May~~^{May} meeting before he went on overseas leave, Mr Hardy covered the balance of the year.

Mr Oleaga addressed the previous meeting on "The Origin of the Constellations" and Mr Perry spoke on "Electrographic Photography of the Magellanic Clouds" addressed the July meeting.

Mr Hardy reported that there was no luck in ^{luck} observing the recent grazing occultations which were all washed out by rain and cloud cover. He also said that we would not have

the pleasure of having Dr Stoy as a lecturer as he would not be able to visit Cape Town. The lecturing chairman mentioned variable star observations which in the Centre was covered as usual by Mr de Kock who was assisted by Mr Tank. There was a regularity of astronomy which was best served by the amateurs. All interested should contact either Mr de Kock or Mr Tank. It was noted that there was still very little use made of the 12" telescope, Mr Lamath would be only too willing to instruct members in its use.

Mr Hawarden of the Observatory staff would address the September meeting on the Gridding of Minus etc.

Visits every second Saturday each month were still fairly well attended & thanks were due to the members who so regularly assisted & showed the public around.

Members were reminded that Centre Subscriptions in addition to the annual dues for the Society were due now.

As the ~~second~~ second Wednesday of October was a public holiday it was decided that the monthly meeting would be held on Oct 17th. Mr Naylor referred to the meeting in February 1973 which was so very badly attended. It was hoped that

the meeting in February 1974 would be better attended.

Observer ~~was~~ was reminded that there would be a grazing occultation on Oct 4th - a Thursday, at 11:56 pm of a 3rd Magnitude star on a line from Darby to Laredo Marques. Details would be announced later.

The attention of members was drawn to the Centre pages of MMSA which were designed to be torn out. The consisted of local news rather than that of a technical nature. News from members should be handed to the Editor member.

The Treasurer's report (attached) was read by N^o Lamuth in the absence of the Treasurer. It was noted that quite a considerable amount of money would have to be spent on the 12th June.

Election Committee

The following were elected for the coming year

B. Walgrave - Chairman

CRC Trust - Vice Chair

R. Rochford - Secretary

N. Scoville - Treasurer

Auditor - N. Osprey

Committee Members R. Harley, W. Greenwood,

G. Lamuth, C. Lamuth, N. de Kock

and Dr van Duijteran

General Report. J. Bardiotti

There being no further business
Mr. Hurly introduced Dr. Dean of the
staff of the SA Observatory who
had studied at Manchester University
& obtained ~~the~~ his PhD in Radio Astronomy,
the address "newman on 'Radio
Astronomy at Jodrell Bank'" and illustrated
his talk with many interesting slides.
Mr. Rochford suitably thanked him.

There being no further business the
meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
CAPE CENTRE

Financial Statement for the 1972-73 Session ended 30 June 1973

Opening Balance as at 1 July 1972 R c
157,77

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions - 25 @ R1,00	25,00		
2 @ 25c	0,50	25,50	
Key Deposits 3 @ 50c		1,50	
Interest - 1971/72	5,47		
1972/73	8,19	13,66	
Donations to Telescope Fund			
From I. Rodger	1,00		
R. Hurly	20,00	21,00	61,66
			219,43

PAYMENTS

Tea Expenses	5,59		
Postages and Stationery	7,21		
Materials for telescope dome maintenance	13,24	26,04	

CLOSING BALANCE AS PER AT
30 JUNE 1973

R 193,39

RECONCILIATION.

Balance as per Bank Pass Book
(Cape of Good Hope Savings Bank) 190,39

Add Receipts not yet deposited
(three subscriptions)

3,00
R 193,39

Split of Balance over General and Telescope funds-

	General	Telescope	Total
Opening Balances	117,77	40,00	157,77
Add receipts	40,66	21,00	61,66
	158,43	61,00	219,43
Less payments	12,80	13,24	26,04
Closing Balances	R 145,63	R 47,76	R 193,39


N. Saville
Hon. Treasurer