

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CAPE CENTRE
HELD AT THE S.A.A.O. ON TUESDAY 1974 AUGUST 13 AT 20 HOURS

Present : Mr H.B.Molyneux in the chair, 24 members and two visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Grimwood, Hurly and Entress.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 1973 August 8 were taken as read and confirmed.

The Chairman read his report on the activities of the Centre during the past year, a copy of which is annexed to these minutes.

The Chairman reported that only sufficient nominations for the committee for the ensuing year had been received. Mr C.R.G.Turk had been proposed as chairman and with the unanimous consent of the meeting Mr Turk was duly elected and took the chair. The following office bearers were then duly elected :

Vice-Chairman	Mr H.B.Molyneux
Secretary	Mr C.Larmuth
Treasurer	Mr N.Saville
Centre Representative on Council	Mr J.Bondietti
Honorary Auditor	Mr G.Orpen
Committee Members	Messrs R.P.de Kock, W.Grimwood, R.F.Hurly, G.Larmuth, and Dr G. van Dugteren and Mr J.Churms.

The Chairman thanked Mr Molyneux for his hard work during the year.

The Chairman read out a notice for the sale of a two and a half inch telescope.

The Treasurer then presented the financial statement, the adoption of which was proposed by Dr Wild and seconded by Mr Molyneux.

Mr Duveen of the newly formed Pietermaritzburg Centre presented its good wishes to the Cape Centre, and gave an outline of their activities. He mentioned that he had previously been a member of the Cape Centre, and had assisted with the building of the dome for the Ron Atkins telescope. He expected to return to the Cape at a later date. The Chairman asked him to convey our good wishes to the Pietermaritzburg Centre.

This concluded the business of the Annual General Meeting. For the remainder of the evening a panel consisting of Drs Cousins, Wild, Fairall and Mr Churms answered a variety of questions put to them by members. This proved to be a great success and the meeting closed at 21^h50.

Signed as correct.

C.R.G. Turk

1975 Aug 13

Chairman

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA - THE CAPE CENTRE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1974

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present this report of the activities of this Centre for the year 1973/1974.

First of all will you all please stand as a mark of respect for those of our members and associates who passed on during the year-----
Thank you.

The year has been conspicuous for the number of interesting and constructive lectures.

At the previous Annual General Meeting Dr Dean of the S.A.A.O. spoke to us on Radio Astronomy at Jodrell Bank.

The September meeting was addressed by Dr Andrew Duncan on "Some Comparisons and Interpretations of Terrestrial, Lunar and Martian Morphology". This lecture was well illustrated by slides.

Mr Tim Hawarden addressed the October meeting on "Making of Telescope Mirrors". This lecture too was well illustrated and full of practical advice. This was succeeded by a "follow-up" in November by Dr Fuhr who spoke on "Objective Lenses". This again was extremely interesting and instructive.

As in the past, the Centre went into recess during December and January.

The customary "Open Evening" in February when the Staff of the Observatory usually welcomed members of the Society and their friends and showed them over the buildings and explained the instruments to them, was this year changed due to the previous year's poor attendance. Instead Mr Hawkins of Cambridge University spoke on "Observing Radio Galaxies with Photo Image Tubes".

In March Professor Brian Warner of the University of Cape Town gave an absorbing lecture on "What it is possible to deduce from the Spectra of Stars".

Mr W.L.Martin of Radcliffe addressed the April meeting on "Seyfert Galaxies".

There was no meeting at the Observatory in May but instead Professor Warner presented two films at the University which tied in with a series of lectures he is giving there and being attended by some of our members. In June Mr Gregory Roberts of the Observatory spoke to us on "Planetary Photography".

This completed the series of lectures for the year. In July the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held.

I should like to place on record my sincere thanks to the Committee for their cheerful and unfailing help, to the Secretary for his efficient recording of our meetings and lectures, to the Treasurer for the proficient control of our finances and last but not least to my Vice-Chair, Cliff Turk, for his enthusiasm, help and advice in arranging many of the year's lectures, and indeed for arranging the balance of this evening's programme. My thanks too go to the staff of the S.A.A.O. and in particular to Mr George Harding for his generous help and co-operation in arranging this room for our meetings. Here I would like to say I hope you find the present arrangements to your liking and any suggestions for their betterment will, I am sure, be welcomed by the Committee.

The Ron Atkins telescope has had a new dome fitted, thanks to the efficient organisation and hard work of George Larmuth and his son. The telescope is now undergoing modifications and we hope that it will soon be completed.

As for some years past, the Centre members have assisted the Observatory in showing members of the public over the Observatory on Visitors' evenings on the second Saturday of each month.

The number of local members has shown a significant increase and we hope that this strengthening of our ranks will be maintained.

In conclusion may I place on record my personal thanks for the honour and privilege of being your Chairman for the past year.

John L. G. G.


ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICACAPE CENTREFinancial Statement for the 1973/1974 Session ended 31st June, 1974

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Opening balance as at 1/1/1973		193	- 39
Receipts:			
Subscriptions	35-50		
Interest on savings bank account	9-78		
Takings - May lecture at UCT by Dr. Warner	8-00		
Donations received:			
Mr. G. R. Atkins	50-00		
Dr. Skewes	4-00		
Mr. Holroyd	<u>0-50</u>	<u>54-50</u>	
			<u>107- 28</u>
			301 - 27

Expenditure:

Tea, biscuits, washing up, etc.	10-03		
Two electric kettles and plugs	25-00		
Bucket, Drying cloths	0-88		
Gifts - Chocolates	2-00		
Handkerchiefs	<u>1-78</u>	<u>3-78</u>	
Postages	1-50		
Donation to UCT for joint lecture during May by Dr. Warner	10-00		
Telescope materials:			
Roofing	89-58		
Keys, locks, nuts, rivets, bolts:	<u>13-40</u>	<u>102-98</u>	
			<u>154 - 17</u>
			<u><u>R 147 - 10</u></u>

Balance as per bank pass book = R149-10

(Difference due to having withdrawn too little)
for re-imbusement of expenses


- Hon Treasurer