

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CAPE
CENTRE HELD AT THE S.A.A.O. ON TUESDAY 1974 AUGUST 20 AT 20h00

Present : Mr C. Turk in the chair. Messrs B. Molyneux, N. Saville, G. Larmuth, and C. Larmuth.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs J. Bondietti, W. Grimwood, R. Hurly, J. Churms and Dr G. van Dugteren.

The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 1974 July 22 were read and confirmed.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that a sum of R168,99 was on hand, and twentythree subscriptions for the 1974/5 year had been received.

The Chairman suggested that one of the aims of the Centre for the new year should be to have fifty paying members. Mr Molyneux reported that as a result of the standard of recent lectures attendance at meetings had increased.

Further aims which the Centre should endeavour to achieve were to make the Ron Atkins telescope operational, and to encourage members to do more observing. The committee were available to help members in this respect if members so wished.

The programme for the year was discussed. On September 10 Dr A.D. Thackeray would address the Centre on "The History of the Radcliffe Observatory". In October Mr Hawkins or Mr Shortland or Mr Hirst would speak and Mr Harding would be asked to address the November meeting before he returned to England at the end of the year. In February a visit to the Cape Town Planetarium might be arranged and Professor Warner was a stand-by speaker for March next year.

With a view to arriving at a satisfactory decision regarding the conversion of the Ron Atkins telescope into a more useable telescope, a sub-committee was formed consisting of Mr C. Larmuth as Chairman and Messrs C. Turk and G. Larmuth. Authority was granted to this sub-committee to spend up to R20,00 without reference to the committee.

The Chairman mentioned that there were various parts of telescopes and mountings stored by the S.A.A.O. These parts had been left at the S.A.A.O. by former members of the Centre. It was unanimously agreed that these parts should be disposed of to the best advantage. The Chairman and Mr Molyneux were authorised to use their discretion.

The Chairman remarked that lectures might be given to schools with a view to encouraging interest in astronomy amongst the younger generation.

The meeting closed at 21h35.

Signed as correct

21 - November 1974

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Chairman