## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPE CENTRE OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA HELD AT THE S.A.A.O. OBSERVATORY ON WEDNESDAY 1974 OCTOBER 9 AT 20 h OO.

Mr C. Turk in the Chair, twenty seven members and seven visitors present.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Grimwood, Molyneux and Russo.

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 10 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

The Chairman drew members attention to the grazing occultations which would occur in the near future. The first would take place on Sunday October 20 at 21 h 30. The graze path was near Bothasig and the star was of magnitude 6,2. The second would take place on Thursday October 24. This would not be so convenient to observe as the graze path was about 41 miles away from Cape Town.

Any members interested in taking part in the observing of these occultations were requested to give their names to Mr Hurly or the Chairman.

The Chairman then introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr W. Hirst, who gave a most interesting lecture on the calculation of the orbits of astronomical objects.

Mr Hurly thanked the guest speaker and the meeting adjourned for tea.

Signed as correct

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