

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 NOVEMBER 13 AT 20 h 00

Present: Mr C. Turk in the Chair, twenty-four members and six visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Bentley, Harding and Magee.

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 9 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Mr Hurly reported on the observation of the grazing occultation of October 20. About fifteen people had taken part, but because cloud covered the moon at the time of occultation, no observations were made.

Mr Hurly also reported that he had been giving talks on astronomy to various local schools.

Mr Orpen reported that Paul Roos-Gimnasium had approached him for suggestions for observing programmes that they could undertake. They have a fifteen inch Newtonian. The Society's secretary was to attend to the matter.

The Chairman then announced some future meetings. The next meeting would be in 1975 February, when Professor Warner would address the Centre, and in March a visit to the Cape Town Planetarium was planned.

However, before the February meeting, a farewell party for Mr and Mrs Harding would be held on Wednesday 1974 December 18 at 20 hours. All members and their wives or husbands were invited. Invitations were to be sent out.

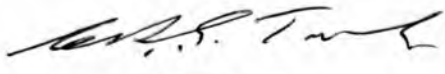
The Chairman then introduced Mr Hurly, the guest speaker for the evening. He apologised for the change from the scheduled speaker, Mr Harding, and said that Mr Harding had returned from Sutherland earlier that evening. The Chairman thanked Mr Hurly for agreeing to speak at short notice.

Mr Hurly gave an interesting talk detailing the many satellites which had been placed in orbit. He also mentioned the Earth Resources Technology Satellite and explained the uses to which it was put, evidenced by a book of maps of South Africa which had been produced from photographs taken by this satellite. Mr Hurly's talk was followed by two sound films dealing with the ERTS and Skylab.

Mr G. Larmuth suitably thanked Mr Hurly and the meeting then adjourned at 21 h 37 for tea.

Signed as correct

29-1-75
Date


Chairman