

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 1975 APRIL 9 AT 20 h 00

Present: Mr C. Turk in the Chair twenty-one members and three visitors. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Y. Middleton, Messrs V. Duveen, B. Molyneux and J. Churms, Dr A. Cousins and Prof B. Warner.

The minutes of the meetings of 1975 February 12 and March 12 were read by the Honorary Secretary and signed by the Chairman as correct.

The Chairman told members of a trust fund which was being formed by three members of the Centre. The object of this trust was to benefit the Cape Centre and the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa. The capital of the trust would be built up from donations and bequests and he hoped that members would give it their support.

The Chairman announced that the June meeting would be addressed by Professor Ellis who would speak on Black Holes.

Members were informed that Mr M.A. Gray, chairman of Natal Centre, would be broadcasting five minute talks on astronomy on the English programme at 6 h 55 sometime during June.

The Chairman then introduced Dr M. Feast whose subject was R Corona Borealis stars. This was a most interesting talk illustrated by slides. Dr Feast mentioned that these stars were most interesting to professional astronomers during the early stages of fading, but as these stars have irregular and long periods, amateurs could greatly assist professionals by observing these stars and reporting any change in brightness.

Mr Grimwood thanked Dr Feast and the meeting closed for tea.

Signed as correct



Chairman

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