

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CAPE CENTRE HELD AT THE

S.A.A.O. ON THURSDAY 1976 AUGUST 5 AT 20h00

Present: Vice-Chairman Mr G. Larmuth in the Chair, the Honorary Secretary Mr C. Larmuth and committee members Miss P. Booth, Messrs J. Bondiotti, J. Churms, R. Hurly, B. Molyneux and N. Saville.

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 1976 March 10 were read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman as correct. Arising from these minutes the chairman reported that the Cape Centre Endowment Trust had received the one hundred Rand bequest from the late Mr Flett. The University of Cape Town had replied to the Centre's approach that they were not interested in taking over the Ron Atkins telescope. The centre members had been told of this at an ordinary meeting, and had subsequently been asked to complete a questionnaire to establish how many would be prepared to use the telescope if an observing programme was arranged. The Secretary said that thirty-nine per cent of the questionnaires had been returned and seventeen members wished to participate in observing; sixteen were prepared to assist in maintaining the dome. It was agreed that Messrs J. Churms and C.R.G. Turk should arrange a meeting of those members who had indicated a wish to take part in an observing programme. Mr J. Churms mentioned that it might be advisable to add one of the Society telescopes to the twelve inch telescope. He also said that Dr Feast had indicated that if an active programme of observing was being carried out, he would consider removing some of the obstruction caused by the trees near the dome.

Speakers for the coming meetings were discussed. Mr J. Churms tabled a letter from Dr P.W. Hill, of the University of St. Andrews, offering to speak to the Centre on Wednesday September 22. It was agreed to accept his kind offer and advise members of the change of date for that month. It was also agreed to ask Dr A. Duncan to speak on Mars for the October meeting and Dr Lloyd-Evans on the seventy-four inch telescope at the November meeting.

The Centre Report for 1975/76 was discussed and the vice-Chairman was to inform the Chairman of a number of suggestions, so that the Chairman could include these in the Report.

Nominations for office bearers for the 1976/77 year were discussed and the following were proposed:

Chairman	Mr C.H. Larmuth
Vice-Chairman	Mr H.B. Molyneux
Honorary Secretary	Mr G.H. Larmuth
Honorary Treasurer	Mr N.E. Saville
Honorary Auditor	Mr G. Orpen
Centre Representative on Council	Mr J.S. Bondiotti
Committee Members	Miss P. Booth, Messrs J. Churms, W.R. Douglas, W. Grimwood and C.R.G. Turk.

It was agreed to ask Mr W.R. Douglas if he would accept nomination to the committee.

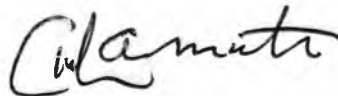
Mr R. Hurly reported that he had suggested to the authorities concerned that the Strand Concourse in Cape Town be named *Place de la Caille*. This had been favourably received but for various reasons it might now be too late to make a change.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the Centre's income for the year amounted to R97,67 and expenditure R105,43 leaving a deficit of R7,76. This was mainly caused by the purchase of letterheads and membership cards which would last for several years.

The question of visitors nights was discussed and it was suggested that groups from schools should be confined to pupils from standards nine and ten.

The meeting closed at 21h30.

Signed as correct



Chairman

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