## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPE CENTRE OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA HELD AT THE S.A.A.O. ON WEDNESDAY 1977 MAY 11 AT 20h00

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Present: The Chairman Mr C.H. Larmuth, the Honorary Secretary Mr G.H. Larmuth, twenty-two members and five visitors. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Middleton, Miss Parker, Messrs Bentley, Simenhoff and Uttley.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1977 April 13 were read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Mr J. Churms reported that the Ron Atkins telescope would be ready for use very shortly as all that was now required was additional counterweights for balancing.

The Chairman reminded members of the existance of The Cape Centre Endowment Trust and hoped that the Trust would be remembered when they renewed their subscriptions in a few month's time.

Mr R.F. Hurly apologised to those members who might have found their issues of "Sky & Telescope" late in arriving, as some difficulty had been experienced in receiving the correct number of copies. He also mentioned that the Society was now being charged a 15% surcharge on the magazines.

The Chairman then introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr T. Lloyd-Evans, of the staff of the South African Astronomical Observatory, who gave an illustrated talk entitled "Star Clusters". The number of questions Dr Lloyd-Evans was asked after the talk was an indication of the interest he aroused in the audience.

The Chairman thanked Dr Lloyd-Evans on behalf of the Centre and closed the meeting for tea at 21h25.

Signed as correct,

Chairman.