

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 JULY 13 AT 20h00

Present: The Chairman Mr C.H. Larmuth, the Honorary Secretary Mr G.H. Larmuth, eighteen members and three visitors. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Parker, Dr Wild, Messrs Churms, Grimwood, Haestier, Molyneux, Neale and Uttley.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1977 June 8 were read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Mr R.F. Hurly reported on the occultation of Venus by the Moon which had occurred on July 12. This had been very close as observed from his office in Cape Town but would probably have been visible from Cape Point.

Mr Hurly also reported on the Royal Society's exhibit at the Museum which contained, amongst other things of astronomical interest, Herschel's sixteen inch speculum metal mirror, and the re-unveiling, on June 21, of the plaque commemorating the Abbé de la Caille's observatory in Cape Town. The plaque was now on the ground floor of the South African Mutual's new building between Strand Street and Exchange Place and would be seen by the public when the building is completed in the near future. He also mentioned that there was a move by the property owners around the Strand Concourse to get the City Council to re-name the concourse "Place de la Caille".

The Chairman then gave his address which was a talk entitled "Amateur Observing and Time Recording". He demonstrated a chronograph he had made as well as a very portable four inch reflector telescope which was suitable for observing occultations in the field.

While the demonstrations were in progress tea was served and the meeting closed at 21h30.

Signed as correct,

Chairman.