

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

AT THE S.A.A.O. ON TUESDAY 1977 JULY 19 AT 20h00

Present: The Chairman Mr C.H. Larmuth, the Honorary Secretary Mr G.H. Larmuth and Committee Members Miss P. Booth, Messrs J. Churms, N. Saville and C.R.G. Turk. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Bondiotti, Grimwood and Molyneux.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1977 April 28 were read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Arising from these minutes Mr Turk reported on the state of repair of the Ron Atkins telescope and dome. It was agreed that the plastic material for the shutter should be replaced and new rope for operating it fitted. It was also agreed that he should arrange to import from the United States of America a 2 inch focusing mount which would allow wider use of the telescope.

The question of public liability insurance was deferred until the next meeting.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr N. Saville, reported that the Centre commenced the financial year with a balance of R157,05 and closed with R181,89. Sixty-eight members having paid their subscriptions for the year.

It was noted that Dr P.B. Byrne of the University of Cape Town would be speaking at the August 10 meeting, his subject being "X Ray Astronomy". This would be after the formal business of the Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary reported that the following members had accepted nomination as office bearers for the coming year:-

Chairman	Mr J.S. Bondiotti
Vice-Chairman	Miss P. Booth
Honorary Treasurer	Mr N. Saville
Honorary Auditor	Mr G. Orpen
Council Represent-	
ative	Mr H.B. Molyneux
Committee	Mr K. Burke
	Mr J. Churms
	Dr J.F. Dean
	Mr W. Grimwood
	Dr L.H. Holroyd
	Mr J. Parsons
	Mr C.R.G. Turk

No one had agreed to take over the position of Honorary Secretary. Mr Turk said he would be prepared to read the minutes at meetings if someone else would undertake the other duties and it was arranged that the Secretary should approach Mr J. Parsons with proposal in view.

The question of adding some additional interset to meetings was discussed and it was agreed to consider the purchase of a 16 mm sound projector should a suitable one become available. With the films now obtainable it was thought that a short film could be shown after the tea interval.

The meeting closed at 21h45.

Signed as correct,


Chairman.