

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

AT THE S.A.A.O. ON TUESDAY 1977 JANUARY 18 AT 20h00

Present: Mr C.H. Larmuth in the Chair, the Honorary Secretary Mr G.H. Larmuth and committee members Miss P. Booth, Messrs J. Churms W. Grimwood, H.B. Molyneux, N. Saville and C.R.G. Turk. Apologies for absence were received from Mr W.R. Douglas.

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 1976 August 5 were read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman as correct. Arising from these minutes Messrs Churms and Turk, reporting on the Ron Atkins Telescope and the proposed observing programme, said that the mirror badly needed re-aluminizing and re-figuring. In the meantime the telescope would be cleaned up and made ready for use. It might be advisable to acquire a longer focus eyepiece. Mr Turk agreed to purchase spare keys for issue to members using the telescope; it being decided that they would have to make a deposit of R1.00 per key which would be refunded on return of the key and that a register of keys issued must be kept. Star charts of variable stars would be available after the next meeting and members should be advised in the next notice of forthcoming meetings that the keys would be obtainable on payment of the deposit. Regarding visitors nights Mr Churms reported that they were still getting a large number of visitors.

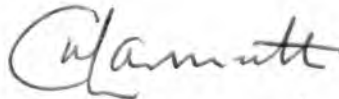
The Chairman informed the meeting that at the Council meeting held on 1976 November 22 Dr A.W.J. Cousins had proposed that electronic equipment should be installed on the Ron Atkins Telescope and as this did not concern Council the proposal was referred to the Centre. Further, Mr D. Overbeek had reported that the Transvaal Centre was working on constructing their own electronic equipment and would be glad to supply the Centre with copies of their circuit diagrams. It was decided that the matter should be left until the telescope had been re-figured and re-aluminized.

Speakers for coming meetings were discussed. It was agreed to ask Mr P. Hurly to speak on February 9. Mr Saville agreed to give a talk, on March 9, on his trip to Australia to observe the total eclipse. Mr Churms said he would try to arrange speakers for the April, May and June meetings.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the Centre had R176.60 in the bank. To date 59 members had paid their subscriptions for the current year, compared with 74 last year.

The meeting closed at 21h40.

Signed as correct,



Chairman. 28-4-1977