

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CAPE CENTRE HELD AT THE
S.A.A.O. ON THURSDAY 1977 AUGUST 25 AT 20h00

Present: The Chairman Mr J.S. Bondiotti and Committee Members Miss P. Booth, Messrs K. Burke, J. Churms, J. Parsons and C.R.G. Turk. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Saville, Molyneux, Grimwood and Drs Dean and Holroyd.

The meeting opened with a discussion regarding the appointment of a Secretary but no finality was reached. Mr. Turk offered to produce circulars for sending out to members for anyone who took on the Secretary's duties, and would also act in that capacity at general meetings if required, but he was too heavily committed to undertake the full duties.

Mr. Bondiotti reported that Mr. Andrew Gray of Durban had agreed to address the Centre in September but the meeting would have to be on 19th instead of 14th.

A discussion was held regarding an observing meeting in March next year and Mr. Bondiotti took on the duties of co-ordinator for this event. Telescopes available for use, lecture room exhibits and a prepared slide show in case of bad weather were mentioned.

Mr. Turk was requested to send out a circular containing:
Details of September meeting,
Appeal for volunteer for Secretary,
Reminder for Centre Subs
Reminder for Cape Centre Endowment Trust donations.

Mr. Turk reported that he had purchased the new cords for the Ron Atkins telescope dome shutter and that new canvas had been ordered for the slit. Total cost was R9 for the cord and R26 for canvas. Replacement work would start as soon as the canvas was delivered. The drive had jammed due to rust caused by the leaking roof and the fine adjuster on the Dec was not working.

The appointment of a co-ordinator for graze observing was discussed. Mr. Turk offered to help the appointee with any information required.

A discussion on the format of meetings produced consensus on the idea of a second half of the meeting following tea which would cover basics such as the meanings of terms such as "Red Shift", R.A. & Dec, Spectroscopy, Variables, Occultations, Novae, Grazes, choosing telescopes, etc.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 1977 July 19 were then read by the Chairman and accepted by the meeting.

Arising from the minutes, Miss Booth reported that Kodak did not have any cheap 16 mm sound projectors available but had offered to recondition one for R35 plus cost of parts if the Centre buys one second-hand. Public liability insurance was left to be discussed with Mr. Gray at the next general meeting.

The next meeting will be held following the general meeting on 1977 Sept 19.

Signed as correct,

Chairman.