

Minutes of the meeting of the committee of the Cape Centre
held at S.A.A.O on Monday 1978 January 23rd at 20 hrs

Present. The chairman Mr. J.S. Bondietti & committee members :- Miss P. Booth, Messrs M. Saville, H.B. Molyneux, K. Burke, J. Churns, L. Holroyd, B. Turk, J. Parsons.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 1977 September 19th were read & matters arising out of the minutes were discussed. Mr Turk reported on the state of the Ron Atkin telescope. Repairs to the dome had been done but 2 eye pieces & a finder - were missing. Also the exterior of the dome required painting. Mr Churns agreed to investigate the missing parts & Mr Burke said he would undertake the painting.

Mr Saville reported ~~of~~ on the centres finances. The balance stood at R184-56

Mr Turk said the Trust Funds capital was R500-R560 & there followed discussion on how the interest could be used.

Copies of a news letter from the Natal Centre were tabled & there was discussion that the Cape Centre should continue to support the S.2. A 3.

Mr Saville was authorized to send a donation of R10-00 in this regard.

The chairman announced the next Centre meeting would be 1978 February 8th & ~~the~~ the speaker would be Dr. A.P. Fairall.

The centric meeting in March would be on Thursday
1978 March 16th & would consist of telescope
viewing by members & visitors of the planets &
3 occultations that were listed for that evening.
6" telescope would be available at the observatory
& members would be invited to bring their own
telescopes if they so desired. Mr Burke would
be in charge.

Discussions followed re the proposed exhibition meeting
in a shopping centre probably during April.
Mr Burke volunteered to investigate a suitable
site & ~~was~~ approach the parties concerned re
advertising the exhibition among the shopping public.
The provision of adequate insurance for the instruments
exhibited was raised. This could be covered by
a very moderate sum.

The chairman asked for suggestions for further
speakers at the centric meeting - say for ^{April} May, &
June. Mr Sherm & Mr Turk said they
would approach various possibilities.

Signed as correct.

Chairman
J. Turk