

Minutes of the AGM of the Cape Centre of the ASSA
held at SAHO on Wednesday 9th Aug 1978 at 8 pm.

Present: the Chairman, Mr Bondiotti, 26 members and 17 visitors ^{plus ~~including~~ trip from Bishop and Paul Ross Gymnasium.}
Apologies for absence were received from Mr du Vein, Mr Thesen, Miss Jean Becker and Miss Parker.

The minutes of the ~~meeting~~ previous AGM held on 10th Aug 1977 were read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman. The Secretary then read the report of the committee on the activities of the centre for 1977/78.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr Saville, presented his report on the finances of the Centre, and tabled the ~~audited~~ accounts for the year ended 1978 June 30. [The accounts were unaudited at the date of the AGM]

The Chairman mentioned the ~~late~~ recent death of Mr Ron Atkins, and called on Mr Rupert Hurly, the President of ASSA, to say a few words. Mr Hurly described Mr Atkins' inventive career, and called on the assembly to stand a moment in silence.

The Chairman then read out nominations received for the incoming committee; these were approved unanimously, and they were duly elected. They are as follows:

Chairperson	Miss P Booth
Vice Chair.	Mr K Burke
Hon Secretary	G J Dean
Hon Treasurer	N. Saville
Hon Auditor	G Orpen
Centre Rep.	H. Molyneux

Committee: Messrs Churns, Grimwood, Holroyd, Parsons, Turk and Bondiotti.

Miss Booth took the chair, and introduced the speaker, Mr Gregory Roberts of the SAHO. Mr Roberts gave a most interesting talk on his "amateur" hobby of obtaining weather photographs from satellites. He has built up a most impressive set of equipment to receive and analyse signals from satellites.

The speaker was thanked by Mr Cousins, and the meeting adjourned at 9.50 pm. Signed as correct: *M. Booth* 8/8/78.
Chairperson.

The Astronomical Society of Southern Africa.

The Report to the A&M of the Cape Centre for the year ^{1977/8.}
meetings. Eight general meetings were held during the year. Details are as follows:

10 Aug 1977 Cape Centre A&M followed by a talk by Dr P Byrne on X Ray astronomy.

Sept 19. Mr A. Grey: The Story of Edmund Neville

Oct 12 Dr P Byrne: The History of Durand Observatory

Nov 9 Prof B Warner: Some overseas Observatories

1978 Feb 8. Dr A.P. Fairall: What makes galaxies tick

April 12 Mr R.M. Catchpole: Astronomical Spectroscopy

May 10 Mr R.F. Hurley: The Future of the Space Program

June 14 Mr J. Churms: Slide show of astron. objects

Observing. One grazing occultation at Constantia was observed on 31st Jan 1978 at 3 am. An observing meeting was held at SAAO on 16th March 1978, at which timings of three occultations were made, together with ^{some} variable star observations.

Public Relations Certain Centre members act as guides for visitors at SAAO on the second Saturday of each month.

Lectures at the Planetarium are also given, and frequent articles appear in local newspapers. An exhibition of telescopes was held at Cavendish Square on 14th April. It is hoped to make similar exhibitions an annual event.

Centre Telescope. The dome slit of the Rom Atkins was re-covered during the year under review. The telescope was used regularly, but the attendance is difficult to judge since many users failed to sign the telescope log.

Thanks. The Centre thanks ~~as recorded to~~ the Director of SAAO, Dr Feast, for the continued use of the lecture room and Rom Atkins site. We also thank our speakers for the interesting and varied lectures we have heard during the year, and last but not least, Mrs Carmuth for her considerable effort in organising the tea after each meeting.

J F Dean.

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Financial Report for the Session (1978/79) ended 1979 June 30

	R.	c.
Opening Balance as at 1978 July 1	160	92
<u>Add Income</u>		

Subscriptions: 73 @ R1.00 73.00

Interest on balance

at Cape of Good Hope Savings Bank 8.42

Commission on cheques

0.10

81 - 52

242 - 44

Less Expenditure

Teas provided at
nine meetings

(cost of tea, milk, sugar,
biscuits & washing up)

20 - 98

Postages

14 - 60

Stationery (envelopes)

3 - 68

Tea cups & saucers (10)

5 - 10

Refund of Key deposit -
Mr. Pickler

1 - 00

45 - 36

R 197 - 08

= Balance as at 1979 June 30.

(General Fund

172.08

Telescope Fund

26 - 00)

During the past year amounts totalling R141-50 received as donations via the centre were passed on to the endowment trust. These include the R100-00 received from the

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Financial Statement for the 1977/78 Session ended 1978 June 30.

	R.	c.
Opening Balance as at 1977 July 1	180	- 89
<u>Add Income:</u>		
Subscriptions 71 @ R1.00	71.00	
Commission on cheques	0.20	
Interest on balance at		
Cape of Good Hope Savings Bank	9.11	
Key deposits	3.00.	83 - 31
	264	- 20

Less Expenditure

Teas provided at meetings (cost of tea, milk, sugar, biscuits, washing of cups)	15.88	
Postages	20.00	
Insurance share on telescope (Paid to society)	3.30	
Ron Atkins Telescope maintenance		
Canvas for dome	26.00	
Rope " "	9.00	
Handbooks	2.00	
Timber	1.80	
Paint	5.00	
Keys	1.30	45.10
Donation to S2 A3		
Donation to Quaker Service Fund	10.00	
(Memory late A.D. Thubany)	10.00	104.28
Balance as at 1978 June 30		<u>159.92</u>