

Minutes of the Meeting of the Cape Centre at SAAO
on Wed 14th Feb 1979 at 8 pm.

Present. The Chairman, 33 members and 10 visitors, including Mr Jack Bennett of the Pretoria Centre.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Charles Larmoth (junior). Mr Turk mentioned that a Centre member, Mr Widan, of Sea Point, had donated some telescope equipment to the centre: also Mr Mc Evey had offered for sale 4 - 10 inch ^{diam} by 1 inch ^{thick} circular mirror flanks, and 2 14 inch \times 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch flanks.

Mr Kevin Burke showed some slides of astronomical objects and mentioned that an exhibition of telescopes would take place at Cavendish Square on March 2nd.

Mr Jack Bennett brought greetings from the Pretoria Centre, and asked for volunteers for the Nova Search and Comet and Meteor sections. Only 8 volunteers remain in the Nova Search section out of an original 52; the situation with Comets and Meteors is worse.

The Chairman, Miss Booth, introduced the speaker, Mr. Krumm, ~~as~~ a Cape Centre member of long standing. He gave an amusing talk with many anecdotes on the early days of the Cape Centre, prior to its move to the SAAO in 1940. He was also involved in the early days of MNASSA, being its editor from 1942-49.

The speaker was thanked by Mr G. Orpen, and the meeting adjourned for tea at 9-45 pm.

Signed as correct

A Booth

Chairman. 14/3/79.

P. S. Mr Widan was thanked by the Secy. in writing. 20/2/79.