

Minutes of the A.G.M. of the Cape Centre held  
at S.A.A.O. at 2000h on Wed 13/8/80

Dr J Dean in the Chair 19 members, 4 visitors.  
Apologies for absence were recorded from Savill, O'Keefe,  
Dubien, Bredenkamp, Husley, Utley.

Dr Dean then read The Chairmans Report.  
(A copy attached on page 197+198)

The death of Mr de Kock was announced  
and all present stood in silence to pay  
tribute to the once very active variable star  
observer.

Then Dr K Thomas read the financial report  
(Copy attached to page 196)

Miss Pat Booth then submitted a copy of the  
Centre Trust Account (Attached to page 195)

It was suggested to transfer R100,00 from  
the current account to the Trust Account.

A new committee was then elected:

Chairman	Miss P. Booth
Vice Chairman	
Honorary Secretary	M. v.d. Ruit (Minutes)
Mon Treasurer	Dr K Thomas
Auditor	
Centre representative	
Members:	Mr Kramer

Mrs Kramer  
 Mr Bondietti  
 Dr Dean  
 Dr Holroyd.  
 Mr Barnes.

A Talk was given by Dr Dean on "Neutral Hydrogen in Galaxies"

Neutral Hydrogen atoms emit at 21 cm wavelength once in 11 million years  
 Thus large clouds of neutral Hydrogen can be located and quantities measured.  
 Dr Dean had worked at Jodrell Bank in the UK and did his Ph D on this subject.

Booth  
 Chairman 12/8/81.

THE CAPE CENTRE ENDOWMENT TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1979

<u>1978</u>		
	TRUST CAPITAL:	
520,50	Balance at 31st December 1978	536,50
16,00	Donations received during year	159,00
<u>536,50</u>		<u>695,50</u>
	DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVE:	
121,51	Balance of Income and Expenditure Account	188,95
<u>R658,01</u>		<u>R884,45</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
	INVESTMENTS:	
520,00	Allied Building Society, Fixed period Paid-up Shares	620,00
138,01	Nedfin Bank Limited, Savings Account	264,45
<u>R658,01</u>		<u>R884,45</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1979

	INCOME:	
63,66	Interest received on investments	67,44
-	DEDUCT EXPENSES:	-
<u>63,66</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	<u>67,44</u>
57,85	Excess of Income over Expenditure from previous years	121,51
<u>R121,51</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure carried forward	<u>R188,95</u>

Notes: Allied Building Society, Fixed Period Paid-up Shares:-

R200,00 at 10% per annum maturing 13-6-1980  
 R50,00 at 10% per annum maturing 28-8-1985  
 R150,00 at 10% per annum maturing 29-3-1986  
 R120,00 at 10% per annum maturing 19-10-1987  
 R100,00 at 9% per annum maturing 15-3-1989



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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CAPE CENTRE ENDOWMENT TRUST

I have examined the above balance sheet and income and expenditure account, which in my opinion respectively give a true and fair view of the state of The Cape Centre Endowment Trust's affairs as at 31st December 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.



H.B. Molyneux  
Honorary Auditor

THE CAPE CENTRE  
OF  
THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
(JULY 1979 - JUNE 1980)

Funds on hand 01/07/79:

General Fund	R171-08	
Telescope Fund	<u>R 26-00</u>	R197-08

Income:

Subscriptions 79/80	R 73-60	
Interest on Savings	R 7-78	
Money Found	R 9-00	
Prepaid Subs. 80/81	<u>R 11-25</u>	R101-63

Other Receipts:

Donations - Endowment		
Trust	R 7-00	
ASSA Subs.	<u>R 30-00</u>	<u>R 37-00</u>

R335-71

Expenses:

Teas	R 26-60	
Postage etc.	R 12-00	
Commissions	R 1-05	
Duplicate Keys	<u>R 3-12</u>	R 42-77

Other Payments:

Endowments passed on	R 7-00	
ASSA Subs. passed on	<u>R 30-00</u>	R 37-00

Balances Carried into 1980/81

Accounts:

General Fund	R229-94	
Telescope Fund	<u>R 26-00</u>	<u>R255-94</u>

R335-71

*J. L. Thomas*  
(Hon Treasurer)  
8/08/80

REPORT TO THE A G M OF THE CAPE CENTRE FOR  
1979/1980

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1. MEETINGS

Ten meetings were held during the year August 1979 - July 1980 as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
8/8/79	Miss P Booth	'The Lamont Hussey Observatory'
12/9/79	Mr W. Hirst	'Advances in Astronomy due to Space Exploration'
17/10/79	Dr J Caldwell	'The Large Scale Structure of the Galaxy'
16/11/79	Mr R Hurly	Space Films from U.S.I.S.
13/2/80	Mr W Grimwood	'The Voyager Space-probe to Jupiter'
27/2/80	Mr H Berris	'The Solar Eclipse Expedition of 16/2/80'
12/3/80	Mr G Roberts	'Artificial Satellites'
2/4/80	Prof G Tammann	'The Age of the Universe'
14/5/80	Dr A Fairall	'Stonehenge'
11/6/80	"Brains Trust"	in which Dean, v d Riet & Hurly answered questions from the floor on astronomy and space travel.

a) PUBLIC RELATIONS

Messrs Hurly and Turk continued to assist at the SAAO Visitors evenings on the second Saturday of each month. From July 1979 to June 1980 a total of 570 members of the public passed through the gates. Members of the Centre also continued to assist at the Planetarium at the South African Museum.

b) MEMBERS

At the end of June 1980 the Cape Centre had 97 members. During the year there were 2 resignations while 8 new members joined. However 7 members are in arrears of subscription for two years, and 12 members for one year.

c) IN MEMORIAM

The Centre has learned with regret the death of Mr R P de Kock, who was internationally known for his variable star observations, and his discovery of Comet de Kock 1971. He received the Jackson Gwilt medal of the R.A.S. and is an honorary life member of the A.S.S.A, as well as a long standing member of our Centre. (Perhaps we might stand in silence?)

d) The Centre's new rules were submitted to Council and approved at its meeting of November 19th 1979.

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e) MANAGEMENT

Since the work involved in being secretary was found onerous in the past, it was decided to split the work load; Mr v d Riet has acted as Minutes Secretary while Miss Booth has taken over membership duties, such as updating the address plates and helping in sending out notices. Mr Larmuth has also helped us with the plates.

f) OBSERVING SECTION

A grazing occultation of Regulus by the moon on 29 February 1980 was observed by centre members. Several members have also reported observations of variable stars and occultations to the Director of the appropriate observing sections of ASSA. The Ron Atkins telescope has also been used occasionally, although not as often as one could wish.

g) ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Centre thanks Dr Feast, Director of S.A.A.O, for allowing us the use of this venue, and last but not least Mike v d Riet and the Larmuths for helping us with the tea.

*J F Dean.*

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CHAIRMAN  
CAPE CENTRE ASSA