

Minutes of the A.G.M. of the Cape Centre held
at S.A.A.O. at 20h00 on Wed 12/3/81

In the Chair was Pat Booth, the outgoing chairman,
23 members and 3 visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from
Mrs Thomas, Soltyski, Pensaar, Lammitz, Duveen,
Hardy and Miss Parker and Mrs ~~Shirley~~ Shipley.

The Chairwoman's report was read. (A copy is
attached to pages 217 + 218)

Pat Kramer presented the financial statement of
the Cape Centre ^{Endowment} Trust (copy attached to
page 215) and the Cape Centre Financial
Statement (copy attached to page 216)

Comment was invited from the floor on
the letter from Mrs Gray from Durban.
Pat Booth thanked the existing Committee for
their cooperation and then a new
committee was elected, as follows:

Chairman: Mr Jack Bondretti

Vice Chairman: Mr Mike Kramer

Hon Secretary: Mrs M. vd. Riet.

Hon Treasurer: Mrs. Pat Kramer.

Ordinary Members: E Banner, Dr Holroyd,
Mrs Spencer-Jones, Mr Soltyski, Mrs ~~S. Shipley~~.

Hon Auditor: Mr G Orpen.

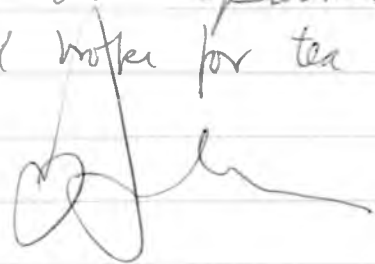
The hour was then handed over to
Mr Jack Bondretti who ^{now} holds a record:
He is the first to be elected chairman of
the Cape Centre for the third time.

He promptly gave us a pep talk and
debated the feasibility of holding ~~the~~ a.

proposed national symposium in Cape Town.
 It was intimated that the November 1981 meeting
 would be a talk by Prof Selles of the Dept
 Mathematics at U.C.T.

Pat gave her talk on "Observing the Sun"
 One does not actually look through the telescope
 but rather projection techniques are employed.
 She explained the equatorial mount used,
 and how to find North in the daylight,
 using a shadow method and the compass
 method. Sunspots are visible because
 of a temp difference of 2000°C from the
 Sun. The Sun rotates every 27 days:
 24 at the equator and 32 at the pole.
 Sunspot cycles average ~~11~~ 11 years.
 Various types of sunspots were described,
 as well as a proposed systematic
 photographic analysis of sunspot numbers.

Mrs Bondiella thanked the speaker &
 at 9:48 when we all broke for tea.



THE CAPE CENTRE ENDOWMENT TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1980

1979	TRUST CAPITAL:	
536,50	Balance at 31st December 1979	695,50
159,00	Donations received during year	157,00
-	Transfer from income	22,50
<u>695,50</u>		<u>875,00</u>
	DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVE:	
188,95	Balance of Income and Expenditure Account	243,25
<u>R884,45</u>		<u>R1 118,25</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
	INVESTMENTS:	
620,00	Allied Building Society, Fixed Period Paid-Up Shares	420,00
-	Allied Building Society, Indefinite Period Paid-Up Shares	450,00
264,45	Nedfin Bank Limited, Savings Account	248,25
<u>R884,45</u>		<u>R1 118,25</u>

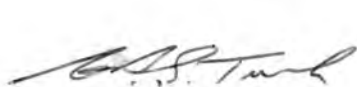
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1980

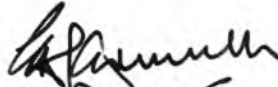
	INCOME:	
67,44	Interest received on investments	76,80
-	DEDUCT EXPENSES:	-
<u>67,44</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	<u>76,80</u>
-	Transfer to Capital	22,50
<u>67,44</u>		<u>54,30</u>
121,51	Excess of Income over Expenditure from previous year	188,95
<u>R188,95</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure carried forward	<u>R243,25</u>

Notes:

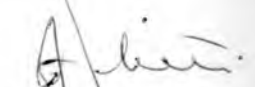
1. Allied Building Society, Fixed Period Paid-Up Shares:-
R50,00 at 10% per annum maturing 28-8-1985
R150,00 at 10% per annum maturing 29-3-1986
R120,00 at 10% per annum maturing 19-10-1987
R100,00 at 9% per annum maturing 15-3-1989
2. Allied Building Society, Indefinite Period Paid-Up Shares:-
R300,00 Certificate No. 359959 dated 13-6-1980
R150,00 Certificate No. 364953 dated 13-11-1980



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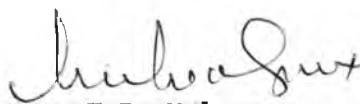
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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CAPE CENTRE ENDOWMENT TRUST

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 1980, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.



H.B. Molyneux
Honorary Auditor

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(JULY 1980 - JUNE 1981)

Funds on Hand 01/07/80:

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

Income:

<u>Subscriptions:</u>		
80/81	R74-30	
Arrears	8-00	
Prepaid	23-00	
Interest on Savings	9-96	
Postage (Dr Thomas)	<u>5-00</u>	R120-26

Other Receipts:

Donations - Endowment Trust		R 66-00
		<u>R442-20</u>

Expenses:

Teas	R35-85	
Postage & Stationary	69-42	
Commissions	-30	
Equipment	5-19	
Endowment Trust	100-00	
Memorial (RP de Kock)	17-63	
Cocktail Party	12-86	
Renovations on RAT (less change)	<u>97-49</u>	R338-74

Other Payments:

Endowments Passed on		66-00
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Balance Carried into 1981/82		<u>37-46</u>
		<u>R442-20</u>

M. Bredenkamp
(Hon. Treasurer)
20/7/81

Garrett Orfan
Hon Auditor
12/8/1981

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MEETINGS During the year 10 ordinary meetings were held at the S A A O. Details are as follows:

- 1980 August 13 The A G M and Chairman's address: Neutral Hydrogen in Galaxies
- 1980 September 10 Dr A Walker : Pluto
- 1980 October 8 Mr R Hurly presented a film : The planets
- 1980 November 12 Prof D Stibbs : Important diagrams in astronomy
- 1981 February 11 Mr C Turk : An amateur's dome
- 1981 March 11 Prof B Warner : Polars
- 1981 April 8 Dr A Walker : Uranus
- 1981 May 13 Mr R Wonnacott : Satellite Doppler surveying techniques - the basics and applications
- 1981 June 10 Dr D Evans : The history of the McDonald Observatory
- 1981 July 8 Mr M van der Riet : Mirror grinding techniques

The average attendance at meetings was 26.

Two informal meetings were also held as follows:

Mr José Campos of Durban on November 27 described to members of the Centre his experiences in comet searching.

Mr & Mrs G Harding returned to the Cape on holiday in March. The Centre entertained them with a cocktail party which followed a short talk by Mr Harding on the Progress of the Northern Hemisphere Observatory.

MEMBERSHIP The Centre had 97 paid up members on 1981, June 30. The Centre gained 14 new members during the year. Only 3 members resigned. However 13 members were suspended for non-payment of subscription and 4 members are in arrears. Three members of the Centre : Mr T Russo, Mr N O Neale and Miss P Littlewort passed away during the year.

OBSERVING No grazing occultations were observed as none suitable or convenient occurred in the Cape Town area. However several members reported personal observations to the Directors of the Society's observing sections.

VISIT TO SUTHERLAND Nine members of the Centre and their families visited the S A A O's observing station at Sutherland on Saturday November 1. On behalf of the participating members I would like

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to thank Dr Feast and his members of staff for this privilege and for the trouble taken by them to make our visit enjoyable.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Members of the Centre continued to assist on visitors' evenings at the S A A O on the second Saturday of every month. Members of the Centre also continued to deliver lectures at the South African Museum's Planetarium.

CENTRE TELESCOPE The outside of the building housing the Ron Atkins telescope was repainted during the year.

THE CAPE CENTRE ENDOWMENT TRUST The Trust capital has continued to grow through donations.

THANKS On behalf of the Centre I would like to thank Dr Feast, Director of the S A A O, for the use of the lecture room. I would also like to thank the lecturers for the interesting talks we have enjoyed this year.