

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Cape Centre held at SAAO on Wed 11th of November 1981 at 8 pm.

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The Chairman Mike Kramer opened the meeting. Present were 21 members and 10 visitors. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Hurly, Mr Ruben, Mr Barnes, Mr Simpson, Dr Fisher ~~and~~, Dr Feast and Mrs Fitzgerald.

2 New Committee members were announced: Mrs ^{Lebenberg} ~~Lebenberg~~; Mr Wilfred Duckitt.

An observational evening for Wed 10th March 1982 was proposed ~~as well as a~~ and a committee meeting for Monday 23/1/82.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Danie Overbeek and his subject "Amateur Astronomy in the United States." He was president of A.S.S.A.

1961-1962. Mr Turk was asked to introduce Mr Overbeek. Mr Overbeek, before his talk handed over a document to the brother of ^{the late} Mr Reginald de Kock (Died July 1980). Mr de Kock had made, from 1934 to 1973 $\pm 160\ 000$ observations ~~of~~ ^{such} and was in many cases the double source of information.

Then followed an interesting slide show + talk. In the States there are many unemployed astronomers operating as amateurs. He ~~also~~ also told us about Mr Pettier, an American equivalent of Mr de Kock. There were also slides of a visit to Stellafane and one of a car number plate AA VSO!!

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