

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 17 Yaldard  
on Wednesday 22nd August 1949 commencing 8pm.

Present Mrs. D. Stielau, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. C. Lake, Mrs. S. Dale

Apologies Dr. G. Prosser, Mr. P. deWinaas.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed

Matters Arising Unfortunately the skies were cloudy  
for the planned observing evening but the talks  
given by Geoff Prosser and Chris Lake were informative  
and interesting. Dr. Prosser has not received an  
answer to his letter to Mr. Duveen for a directive  
on the size of a committee and nomination  
forms for A.S.S.A.

General

Mr. Stanley Thompson was accepted as a member  
of the Natal Midland Centre.

An application form has also been received from  
Mr and Mrs. H. Hulley - who have not as yet attended  
a meeting - Mrs. Dale to phone and invite them to  
the next meeting on 26th Sept.

Mrs Dale to contact Mr. S. Thompson to invite him  
to give a talk on Right Ascension, Declination  
and measurements for October Meeting.

Possible speakers in the future - José Compos,  
October - Geoff with slides (carry on from Norton's)  
U.S. Information Bureau should be getting film on  
Jupiter - Voyager I

John Watson - Astronomical Units.

It was felt that if we arrange Centre Meetings  
well in advance it is not necessary to have a Committee

meeting every month.

The committee felt that at the beginning of each meeting we should re-cap on the previous meeting this would bring continuity to the programmes.

September Meeting - 7.45pm - Royal Hotel - 26th.

Dr. Hamish Campbell - A Beginners guide to Norton's.  
also general discussion lead by Dr. Campbell.

This meeting to be advertised on the board outside the main science theatre - University of Natal also in the Natal Witness.

Mr. R. Dale proposed Mrs. S. Dale seconded Mr. C. Lake  
Mr. P. Welch proposed Dr. G. Prosser seconded Mr. A. Gray.  
Voting was not necessary as there were no more  
nominations.

Mr. Gray asked members to observe the  
occultation of AQK 3 + 17° 380 by minor planet Thalia  
on Tuesday 29th July at 4.30 am.

The guest speaker Mr. R. Field showed his  
excellent slides of Szinkhamyezi <sup>taken</sup> 1980 at Giant's  
Castle, the views showed group shots,  
telescopes and members in general conversation  
in the meeting room.

Tea was served in the "ballroom"

After tea Mr. Field projected his slides of  
Norton's star maps highlighting the well  
known and not so well known constellations  
of the ecliptic and  
there were highly informative especially as  
Mr. Field <sup>then</sup> showed the <sup>corresponding</sup> exact area as seen  
with the naked eye.

Mr. Field was thanked by Mr. Ron Dale

There being no further business Mr. Chris  
Lake closed the meeting at 10.15 pm.  
Signed Johnston Chairman