

Meeting of Committee  
 Saturday June 29. 1929. at 8 pm  
 Held at the residence of the President. Mr. A. W. Long  
 F.R.S.

Present. Capt. S. Cameron Swan in the Chair  
 Mrs. A. W. Long B. F. Jeany & F. I. Forbes. J. C. Dunell  
 S. G. McJulys & H. C. Mason the Hon Secretary.

Minutes of Committee meeting of March 16 were  
 read and confirmed.

Business arising out of Minutes: -

Re members ~~was~~ three years and more in arrears.

The Hon Secretary said that S. Bennetts had been reported  
 to the Council and had been communicated with - He had  
 asked for an account. four years subscription were owing  
 but three years only were asked for this had been paid  
 It was unanimously agreed to confirm the action of  
 the Hon Secretary

The Hon Secretary <sup>said he</sup> had not yet written to Mr. C. B. Dalton  
 regarding the subscription of Mr. S. B. Dalton.

The Hon Secretary reported having interviewed Mr. Williams  
 regarding his subscription. Mr. Williams said he  
 was under the impression he had resigned. After  
 discussion the Committee resolved to ask Mr  
 Williams to pay two guineas in settlement of his  
 indebtedness to the Centre & should he would reconsider  
 his decision to resign his membership.

Re place of meeting

The Hon Secretary reported that no definite solution of  
 the difficulty had been reached. He understood that the  
 room of the Mountain Club was still available  
 he had also inspected a room at the Railway  
 Institute which had been offered to the Society, the  
 room itself was a nice room and very suitable  
 but the furniture did not suggest comfort. This

room could be obtained for 1976 for meeting. Neither the Mountain Club or the Railway Institute were able to house the Society's bookcases. & this caused the difficulty of deciding where to go.

Mr Long said he had had a discussion with Mrs Lander who was one of the principal officials of the Mountain Club & she had said that if the Society decided to meet in the Mountain Club's room that he would be able to make provision for the book cases.

After some discussion Mr Long proposed that after July the meetings of the Centre be held in the Mountain Club's Room - This was seconded by Capt Cameron Swan.

Mr A. F. J. Forbes pointed out that the room did not comply with Municipal regulations for places of public meeting - he thought it a dangerous place - should there be a fire and if any injury occurred to anyone at any of the Society's meetings the Society may be liable <sup>by law</sup> ~~for damages~~. He proposed that meetings held in this room be restricted to members. There was no second.

After further discussion Mr Long proposed as a rider to his motion that meetings advertised in the press be held elsewhere. This had to effect notices of <sup>ordinary</sup> meetings in the press.

Mr Long's motion was then agreed to.

The Hon Secretary submitted a draft Annual report to be presented at the Annual meeting of the Centre after several verbal amendments had been made the report was adopted.

The Hon Treasurer Mr A. F. J. Forbes stated that the income of the Centre during the year had been £79.11.3 This included a balance of £15.6.1 brought forward from the previous year. He anticipated a balance at the end of the account financial year after everything had been paid of £19.

Mr Long proposed a donation of \$10 to the funds of the Society in order that the Society should have some funds on hand to meet the cost of the next issue of the Journal when it was published.

Seconded by Mrs. Bod7 Jeany & agreed to without dissent. A discussion took place with regard to Office Bearers for the ensuing year.

Capt Cameron Swan intimated that he was not prepared to offer himself for reelection, <sup>as Chairman</sup> he proposed Mr H.C. Mason for the office. Mr McJutye said he would second this nomination.

Mr McJutye proposed Mr Jeany as Vice Chair this was seconded by Mrs A.W. Long.

Mr Long said he would propose Mr Landes as a member of the Committee and he would also propose him as Librarian for the Centre. The feeling of those present was that Mr Landes would make a desirable Librarian.

No further nominations were received.

The Hon Secretary read a letter from Mr G.H. Maasdoop of Agamawke asking to be admitted to membership. The nomination from had not yet been received but this gentleman would probably be proposed by Rev Pynde.

It was unanimously agreed to pass the candidates elected. A letter was read from the Cape Town Maccabean Association inviting members of the Society to lecture on "Eastern and Western Philosophies & methods of Government" to be given by Mr Cornfield on 9. July. After consideration the Secretary was instructed to reply thanking the Association for their invitation but stating that the subject was of no special interest to Astronomers.

Capt Cameron Swan proposed a vote of thanks to Mr & Mrs Long for allowing the Committee to meet at their residence and for their hospitality. This was carried nem con & the meeting terminated.

H.C. Mason



ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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CAPE CENTRE

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT- 1928-9

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Your Committee in presenting this the fifteenth Annual Report have to record the continued activity and advancement of the Centre during the year now closed.

MEMBERSHIP.

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*Twelve*  
Eleven ladies and gentlemen have joined the Centre during the year - *two*  
*nine* as members and two as associates. Two members having resigned have been struck off the roll of Membership. There is now a total of ninety *four* on the roll (Eighty *four* members and *nine* associates). The total on the last report being eighty five.

MEETINGS.

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During the period under review there have been held eight Ordinary meetings of the Centre at which the following subjects were presented and discussed, viz:-

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| "PROXIMA CENTAURI"   | By Mr. H.E. Houghton.              |
| "LUNAR CRATERS AND THE VOLCANIC THEORY"                      | " Mr. H.C. Mason.                  |
| (Paper published in Journal No. 3 Vol.II).                   |                                    |
| "ELONGATION OF MERCURY"                                      | By Mr. A.W. Long, F.R.A.S          |
| "LUNAR BUBBLES AS THE ORIGIN OF CRATERS ON THE MOON"         | " Mr. A.G. Hoyer.                  |
| "PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES"                                | " Mr. D.C. Burrell.                |
| "GREAT DAYLIGHT METEOR OF JULY 8th 1927"                     | " Mr. A. King, F.R.A.S             |
| "OBSERVATIONS AND THEIR REDUCTIONS"                          | " Mr. H. Horrocks, B.A.            |
| "THE PHYSICAL CONDITIONS ON MARS"                            | " Mr. H.W. Schonggevel             |
| "METEORS"  | " Mr. A.W. Long F.R.A.S            |
| "THE LEYDEN MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION" | " Dr. H. Spencer Jones<br>F.R.A.S. |
| "LARGE REFLECTING TELESCOPES"                                | " Mr. H.E. Houghton.               |
| "BRIGHT METEOR OF JULY 27th 1928"                            | " Mr. A. King F.R.A.S              |
| "THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NAVIGATION OF SPACE"                 | " Mr. H.C. Mason.                  |
| "COMETS AND COMET FINDING"                                   | " Mr. T.B. Blathwayt.              |

Two observational meetings were held.

The first by the courtesy of His Majesty's Astronomer took place at the Royal Observatory in October 1928 when the 7 inch ~~Reflector~~ *Refractor* was placed at the disposal of members. The second meeting was held by the invitation of Mr. Bert F. Jeary, F.R.A.S. at his Observatory at Muizenberg in March 1929. Observation was confined to the Moon Descriptive remarks on various craters and formations being contributed by the Hon. Secretary.

Both these meetings were well attended and the thanks of the Centre is accorded to both His Majesty's Astronomer and Mr. Jeary for these privileges.

The Committee have met seven times.

FINANCE.  
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The finances of the Centre continue to be satisfactory as the financial statement will show.

*The Centre has made a donation of £10 to the funds of the Society*

DISCOVERY.  
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The Committee have pleasure in recording the re-discovery of a comet Mr. A.F.I. Forbes, who has succeeded the late Mr. William Reid as director of the Comet Section of the Society. His Comet will be known as "Pons-Coggia-Winnecke-Forbes". The Astronomical Society of the Pacific have awarded Mr. Forbes the Donahoe Comet Medal for his discovery.

ARTICLES IN THE PRESS.  
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Monthly notes with charts of the sky have been published in the Cape Times as in previous years, these being contributed by Mr. A.W. Long, F.R.A.S, and articles in Afrikans by Mr. T. Mackenzie continue to be published in "Die Burger".

.....*D. Jameron-Swan*..... Chairman.  
Capt.

.....*W. Schreyer*..... Hon. Secretary

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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Financial statement for the year ended 30th June 1929.

Receipts.	Payments.
Balance in hand	Contributions under
30th June 1928. £15. 6. 1	Article IX. of
<u>Subscriptions.</u>	Constitution. £31. 6. 8.
Arrears £ 6. 0. 0.	Rent of Meeting Room. 10. 0. 0.
Current Year. 50. 12. 9.	Rent of P. O. Box. 1. 5. 0.
In advance. 6. 0. 9.	62. 13. 6. Donation to Astronomical
Subscriptions to	Society of South Africa. 10. 0. 0.
"Cape Times". 9. 0.	Typewriting & Stationary. 7. 2. 6.
Commissions on cheques. 7. 6.	Cape Times and Postage
£78. 16. 1	to Country Members. 5. 6. 0.
	Lantern slides and books
	from the Estate of the
	late W. Reid. 2. 10. 0.
	Secretary's Expenses. 1. 19. 9.
	Treasurer's Expenses. 9. 6.
	Bank Charges. 1. 12. 1.
	By Balance. 7. 2. 7.
	£78. 16. 1.

Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

*Ernest J. Steen*

Chairman:

Mason.

Cameron Swan - McIntyre

Vice Chair

Jenny.  
Secretary

McIntyre

Loug.

Schneiguel  
Treasurer

Swan

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Fisher.

Swan.

Houghton

Committee of 5<sup>2</sup>

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X McIntyre

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Barrell.

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Skews.

Houghton

X Pratt

Schneiguel

Johly

Mr Long, apologies for absence of Mr Mann  
and his illness

Chairman's remarks

Adoption of report report prepared by Mr Houghton  
" seconded by Mr Burrell.  
unanimously

Financial statement approved  
by Mr. Gohl.  
by Mr Long  
Agreed to

Auditor -

E. J. Steer Long. Mr Gohl.  
Librarian

Secretary -

Burrell ~~Houghton~~ Skene Houghton



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Dratt	10
Smith	9
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Skews	6

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W. deKok.