

Astronomical Society of South Africa.

Cape Centre.

Committee Meeting held on Monday 22nd Sept. 1930 at the residence of Mr. A. W. Long F.R.A.S.

Carnalea, Mowbray at 8 pm.

Present: Mr. H. Horrocks in the chair
Messrs Long, Macintyre, Doobles, Major Darburn & Pratt. Mr. Long read a letter from the Hon. Sec., Mr. Selarogee, in which he regretted his absence due to illness.

The minutes of the committee meetings held on 1st July, 9th July, & 13th August were read & confirmed.

A brief financial statement was given by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Doobles - balance in hand at 30th June 1930 was £12-1-7; subscriptions received up to 22nd September 1930 were £15-10-9, giving a total balance in hand of £27-12-4.

The question raised at the second ordinary meeting held on 10th September 1930 of the Cape Centre joining the Astron. Soc. of the Pacific as a member was discussed. It was proposed by Mr. Long & seconded by Mr. Macintyre that the librarian of the centre join the Astron. Soc. of the Pacific as a member - this was to be considered one of his duties, the centre paying the necessary subscription fees. This was agreed to by all present. The question of meetings for the months of October, November & December 1930, was then discussed.

The following programme was decided upon:

12th October Meeting: observational meeting at the Royal Observatory, subject to the permission of H.M. Astronomer.

12th November meeting: to request Mr. Grindley to give a paper on "Terrestrial Magnetism" failing this, Mr. Horrocks to give a paper.

10th December meeting: a paper to be given by Dr. Halm or Mr. Blakeley.

Major Fairburn raised the question of more observational opportunities as an incentive to the general public to join the Society. Mr. Horrocks mentioned that he understood that the 6" telescope at the Royal Observatory was at the disposal of the Centre ~~for~~ for observational purposes. Mr. Long pointed out that the 6" telescope was at the disposal of the Centre for useful observation work only - & not merely sight seeing. After discussion it was agreed that probably the best arrangement would be for members to show people interested some of the sights of the heavens with their own telescopes. Mr. Horrocks however agreed to ask Dr. Spencer Jones whether the 6" telescope could be ^{made available} ~~used~~ occasionally by a few people ^{at a time}, ^{accompanied by a responsible member} on receiving advice ^{of the Society} from the Secretary. It is not intended to grant this privilege

generally to all members of the Centre, but to would-be members only, on the recommendation of a member. Mr. Horrocks promised to intimate Dr. Spencer Jones' reply at the next committee meeting or ordinary meeting.

New Member. The following nomination for membership was considered.

Miss Agnes Winifred Webster
 c/o Mrs. J. D. Thomson,
 "St. Lawrence,"
 Fishback.

Prop. by Mr. Long - sec. by Mr. Macintyre.
 The candidate was unanimsly passed for election.

Mr. Long suggested that holders for the Union Observatory's star maps be purchased for the library. It was decided to purchase two of such folders.

void { Mr. Horrocks proposed for discussion at the next committee meeting the question of the Natal Astron. Society joining the Astron. Society of South Africa. }
 The meeting then terminated.

Spencer Jones

27 January 1931