

Meeting of Committee
Held at the residence of Mrs A. W. Long Carnahan
Mallison Road Newbury

Wednesday January 27. 1931 at 8 pm

Present Mr H. Horrocks in the Chair Mayor Fairbairn
Messrs. Jany. Long. Mason Mc Intyre Pratt & the Hon Secretary
Minutes of Committee meeting of Sep. 22 1930 were
read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that he had made application to
the Astronomical Society of the Pacific for the election by
that Society of the Librarian for the time being.
of the Cape Centre to represent this Society as a member
a remittance to cover a year's subscription had been
forwarded with the application.

The Chairman (Mr H. Horrocks) reported that he had
consulted Dr. Spencer Jones regarding the availability
of the Grubb Telescope for observation by groups of
persons accompanied by a responsible member of the
Society in terms of the minute of Sep 22. Dr. Spencer Jones
had given his consent.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the minute
relating thereto he had asked the Librarian (Mr Burrell)
to purchase two folders for holding the Charts issued
by the Union Observatory - Mr. Burrell had informed
him that he had made folders for the charts.

Mr Long mentioned that he had seen holders for
the Charts made by Mr Burrell but unless something
else had been made since they were ^{in their present form} unsuitable for
the purpose, what the Committee had in mind was
the purchase of holders in which the charts were
secured by a spring and so could be examined
by members without disarranging their order.

It was resolved that the Secretary supply this information
to the Librarian

Business
arising out
of minutes

A discussion arose regarding the British astronomical Association's journals - The Secretary ~~reported~~ said that so far these had been sent to the late Mr Bull and some were now coming to the Centre. It was resolved that the Secretary write to the British Astronomical Association explaining the circumstances and request that the journal be now addressed to the Secretary at the Society's P.O. Box.

Mr Long read a letter from Mr Currie in which he offered to give a low quotation for any missing numbers of his journal, to complete the Centre series. Mr MacIntyre mentioned that he had a number of B. A. & Journals and he would be prepared to give any of the missing numbers he may have.

Mr MacIntyre was thanked for his offer which was accepted. It was resolved to ask the Librarian to make a list of all required numbers, and to send a list to Mr Currie of those Mr MacIntyre was unable to supply. The discussion of these matters evinced the desirability of the Librarian being present at Committee meetings. On the motion of the Secretary seconded by Mr Long it was resolved to invite the Librarian to attend Committee meetings in the future.

The Committee then proceeded to consider a programme of meetings for the remainder of the Term.

Mr Best & Jeany invited the members to an observational meeting to be held at his Observatory during February. It was resolved to accept Mr Jeany's offer with thanks, The night of Wednesday Feb 18 was selected for this meeting.

The Secretary read a letter from Lt. Commander P.A. Raleigh pleading for lectures of a more popular nature at the ordinary meetings.

Mr Long said that Mr. J. MacKenzie would be on a visit to Cape Town during March but could not say whether Mr MacKenzie would be prepared to address the meeting.

After considerable discussion, the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr MacKenzie asking him whether he would be prepared to give an address or read a paper at the March meeting & in case of an unfavourable reply to approach Mr Blesley for an address at that meeting.

Mr McIntyre undertook to approach Mr Walgate requesting him to give an address on Architecture and Astronomy.

Mr Horrocks agreed to request Prof Morrison for an address. It being understood that the Hotel & travelling expenses be met out of the Centres funds. It was also resolved to ask Prof Morrison to become a member of the Society.

Mr Jeany agreed to ask S.C.F. Juretz for an address.

The addresses from these gentlemen were required for meetings April May June, but no specified date was fixed for any one - the arrangement being left to the Chairman Secretary.

The Chairman stated that Prof Hertzsprung was expected to pass through Cape Town about July. He agreed to request this gentleman for an address preferably at the Annual Meeting in July.

The Hon Secretary drew attention to the fact that the Ecliptic scope was not placed at the Society's disposal at the December meeting and a

notice attached to that instrument made it appear that it was the intention of the Mountain Club to debate its use. This was contrary to the agreement entered into with that club.

Mr Long said that the Epidiascope had been used at the meeting held in September. Subsequently it was found that the reflector had been broken and this was probably the reason for the action taken by the Mountain Club. On that night the lantern had been manipulated by the Librarian who denied having broken it. Though there was no evidence that the breakage had been caused by any member of the Society, he thought that as it had been ^{found} broken after the meeting that the Society should accept responsibility and that the Mountain Club should be reimbursed for the replacement. He proposed that this should be done. This was agreed to without dissent.

It was further resolved that the Epidiascope be worked only by responsible persons and Messrs Landers, Long & Doneywell were deputed to do this. A letter was read from Mr E. J. Steer resigning his membership as from June 30 next. It was resolved to inform Mr Steer that the committee were reluctant to accept the resignation and asked him to permit of delay in acceptance as the difficulty would probably solve itself in the meantime.

A letter was also read from Mr C. F. Dutton of Mafeking resigning his membership as from June 30 as he was leaving South Africa. It was agreed to accept his resignation.

A letter was read from Messrs R. M. Benson to Windhoek containing the information that a member - Mr M. L. Levitt of that town had died in February ~~last~~ 1930.

A discussion took place regarding the fact that the Constitution of the Society made no provision for the continuance of membership of persons who had rendered conspicuous service to the Society and denied from any reason to relinquish ordinary membership.

It was resolved to submit the following for consideration to the Council of the Society. "That Article 71~~x~~ of the Constitution be amended by altering the title to 'Honorary membership ~~and~~ members emeritus' - ~~Upon~~ and by the addition of the words 'Upon the recommendation of the Council a general meeting may elect as member emeritus any member who has rendered distinguished and outstanding services to the Society, such member emeritus shall have all rights and privileges of a member notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Constitution of the Society'."

This terminated the business

A. Hancock

19 June 1931