

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday, 26th July, 1961, after the Society A.C.M.

Present: Mr. W. C. Bentley in the Chair (in the absence of the Chairman), Messrs. Johnston, Rodger, Simerhoff and the Hon. Secretary.

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~~The~~ ~~Min~~ Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Krumm & Loon.

The Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary ~~Announced that~~ ^{his expenses amounted to £3 for the year.} The Secretary read the Annual Report he had drafted, and the Report was adopted after the insertion of a statement as to the membership of the Centre. After brief discussion it was decided to send a letter to Mr. Loon thanking him on behalf of the Centre for his work in the Telescope Makers Group, the chairmanship of which he had relinquished.

In discussing provisional nominations for the incoming Committee, the Secretary announced that Mr. Loon had informed him that he would be unable to stand for re-election. Mr. Loon ^{had} ^{pro}posed that Mr. Bondielli, who had taken over the Telescope Makers Section, should be considered. Mr. Rodger announced that as he was shortly going abroad, he would be unable to carry on in his capacity as Treasurer. The Secretary said that he would speak to Mr. Krumm with regard to approaching Messrs Meadon & Chinn to find if they were willing to be ~~considered~~ nominated as Chairman. Mr. Rodger said that there was a fairly general feeling that meetings ended too

abruptly, in that little had been done in recent years in making Members, particularly new members, feel at home. He asked if various improvements, such as the provision of refreshments, could not enhance the social side of the Society. Mr. Bentley felt that as such a matter would involve the Royal Observatory staff, it was difficult to see a solution, and he proposed that it be left for the incoming Committee to discuss.

Mr. Rodger asked if Centre Members were aware of the discount facilities for Astronomical Literature, provided by the Sky Publishing Corporation. After discussion, it was proposed that he approach Mr Krumm or Dr. Stoy who handled the business arrangements for Sky and Telescope in this regard.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

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