

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Royal Observatory, Cape Town on Friday 20th October 1922

Present: - Messrs. Hough (President) Balm, Skjellerup, Reid, Forbes, Long, Smith, McDutye and Mackenzie (Secretary)

Notice: - The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Minutes: - The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Alternates: - The Secretary reported that the following Alternates had been appointed in writing: -

Mr D. S. McDutye for Mr H. E. Wood  
 Mr A. F. J. Forbes for Mr W. M. Worrell  
 Mr W. H. Smith for Mr W. B. Jackson  
 Mr J. Williams for Mr W. Eaton

Directors Mr W. Reid was elected Director of the Comet Section.

Sections Mr J. F. Skjellerup was elected Director of the Variable Star Section.

Sections Mr D. S. McDutye was elected Director of the Meteor Section.

It was agreed to ask the Johannesburg Centre for suggestions as to Directors of other sections.

Librarian: - The Secretary was appointed Librarian.

Editor: - It was agreed that subject to his acceptance Mr H. E. Wood be appointed Editor of the Journal.

Rules: - The Rules of the Cape Centre were approved as submitted.

Nomination Form: - A draft Nomination Form was read and approved. It was agreed that 250 copies should be printed.

Ballot Papers: - The Secretary reported that as no protest regarding the

recent Elections had reached him he had in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution destroyed the ballot-papers.

Nomination Papers :-

It was agreed that as the nominations for the recent Elections were recorded in the Minutes the nomination papers should be destroyed.

Honorary Members :-

It was agreed that the election of Honorary members of the Society should stand over sine die.

Finance :-

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the Cape Centre had made a special contribution of £8.00 towards the printing of the Constitution. The following quarterly contributions had also been received viz. Cape Centre £7-9-6; Johannesburg Centre £7-17-3.

The following accounts were passed :-

Balance of printing Constitution	£ 2-2-6
Minute Book	15-6
Envelopes & Letterheads	1-5-0
Printing Voting Papers	1-3-6
Postages	10-0
<u>Total</u>	<u>£ 5-16-6</u>

leaving a balance in hand of £9-10-3.

It was agreed that a banking account should be opened at the Post Office Savings Bank and that the Treasurer be authorised to sign the withdrawal form when money is required for paying accounts. It was further agreed that anything in the Bye-laws inconsistent with the foregoing should be hereby repealed and that an amending Bye-law should be submitted to the next Annual Meeting.

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Journal :-

It was agreed that consideration of the printing of the first number of the Journal should be postponed until next meeting.

Natal Astron. Assoc.

Correspondence with the Natal Astronomical Association regarding the possibility of that body joining this Society was read. In view of the forthcoming visit to Cape Town of the Secretary of the Association it was agreed that the matter should stand over until next meeting.

Transvaal Univ. College Assoc. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Astronomical Society of the Transvaal University College congratulating the members upon the inception of their Society.

Precedence: With reference to Bye-law Number 4 it was agreed that the question of priority should be decided by the members of Council present at any meeting where such question arose.

Ballot-Paper: Some discussion took place regarding the form of ballot paper used at the last election of officers and it was agreed that a copy of the form used by the Royal Society of South Africa should be obtained.

Inaugural Address: The President intimated that he would deliver his inaugural address on November 15 and it was agreed to ask the Cafe Centre to postpone its monthly meeting until that date.

S. J. Hough  
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