

minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Wesleyan Church School, Rosebank on Tuesday 21st August 1928 at 8 p.m.

Present. Mr. A. W. Long, in the chair, Messrs Cameron-Swan, Cox, Forbes, Tearey, Mason, Schonegevel and Skewes (Asst. Hon. Sec.).

Alternates. Letters had been received from Messrs Troughton, Messrs Stevens & Houghton appointing Messrs M. Lalyae, Mason & Skewes as their alternates. No reply had been received from Messrs Worcell, Tacke, & Dr. Halim, regarding their being represented by Messrs Tearey, Forbes, and Cox. It was assumed that Dr. Spencer-Tones was still represented by Mr. Horrocks, who wrote stating his inability to attend the meeting. It was resolved to ask Mr. Russell to represent Dr. Roberts.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence. None of the letters received since the last meeting required discussion, save one, from Mr. Houghton, explaining the need of the Variable Star Section for a loose-leaf ledger for the tabulation of their observations. Mr. Long spoke in favour, and Capt. Cameron-Swan moved that the Council purchase such a ledger. Mr. Tearey seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Finance. Mr. Long read a letter from Mr. Smith expressing his inability to be present, & giving a resume of the financial position. The balance in hand was £20-6-10, but outstanding accounts made comparison with previous years difficult.

Directors of Observing Sections. Mr. Enos was reappointed director of the Variable Star Section, Mars Section, & Computing Section, D^r Mauis D^r Luaces D^r Luaces to be assisted by Mr. Mackenzie.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. Dutton if he would undertake the directorship of the Comet Section, and to ask Mr. Mackenzie if he would undertake the reactivation & directorship of the Meteor Section.

Editor. D^r Spencer-Jones was reappointed editor.

Librarian. Mr. Forbes was reappointed librarian.

S.A.N.C.A. The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. W. Lutyse if he would accept the vacancy on the S.A.N.C.A. caused by the death of Mr. Reid. The Council nominated Mr. Watson and Capt. Cameron-Swan, in that order, should Mr. W. Lutyse decline.

Report of Journal Committee. The Committee required permission to have blocks made for the following:
 + photograph of the Lamont-Hershey observatory
 Five diagrams for Mr. Mason's paper.
 Photograph of Mr. Reid.

The total cost of these would be about £3-13/- & the Council approved. The photograph of Mr. Reid was to be the frontispiece, & on best paper — all the others to be on ordinary paper.

It was decided that the list of books in the library was not to be inserted in the journal. Messrs Cox, Lutyse, Long and Houghton were appointed to the Journal Committee.

Mr. Teasey undertook to contribute £3-3/- towards the Journal, if anyone would confirm his contention that it is possible to see at least one satellite of Jupiter with the naked eye.

Notice of meeting.

It was decided that besides the ordinary notice of meeting, the secretary should send out a reminder to those who were to attend the Council meetings a day or two before the meetings transpired.

The meeting then terminated.

A. W. H. S.