

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of Africa held at
Mr Long's house, "Camden", Maitland Rd. Monrovia on Monday 17 March 1930
at 8pm.

Present

Mr Spencer (V. Pres.) in the Chair, Messrs Russell, Fikes, Mary, Long, Mason,
Woolridge, Schaefer, & Kewes. Smith & Skipton (Sec. Secretary)
Capt. Cameron-Watson was on his way to England and regretted being absent.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. The Chairman
stated he understood there was some delay in regard to the transfer of
the Radcliffe Observatory to T. Africa and it was possible that Dr Kinnor-Hunt
would not arrive till June or July. It was hoped that the Society
might have an opportunity of meeting both him and Dr Heavens.

Correspondence

The Secretary laid on the table the letters received & copies of those
written since the last meeting including:-

Letter of 11 March from Natal Film Association acknowledging journals sent.

Letter of 2 February from Johannesburg Centre regarding loan of books from
the Library

Letter of 16 February from Mr Euser mentioning Dr Heavens's activities
in Natal where he was testing a site for the new Radcliffe Observatory

Letter of 27 January from Mr A. Fosse who had since joined the Society
as a student associate.

Correspondence with Dr Paraker of Bloemfontein and the
brochure regarding the predictions of occultations for Bloemfontein
given in the B.A.A. Handbook for 1930. It was thought no action
need be taken to have them published in the Press. Dr Jones
remarked on Dr Ho's success as an amateur observer of occultations.

Financial
Position

The Treasurer read his statement dated 17 March showing
balance in hand £7.9.8, cost of last journal ~~was~~ (Vol. 2, No. 4)
was £52.10.6 of which £17.10.6 was still unpaid. Discussion
followed ^{regarding} the cost of the journal which was on the basis agreed by
the printer. The journal was however an enlarged number and
it was thought that the cost of future issues should be kept down
to about £40. The Secretary was instructed to ask the Johannesburg
Centre to send ^{the} contribution ^{as required by the Constitution} as soon as convenient in order that
the printer might not be kept waiting for settlement. The
Council approved the purchase of a fibre case for 6/9 for the

Vanilla Star section.

Report of
Journal
Committee

The Secretary stated that Vol. 2 No. 4 of the Journal had been distributed at the end of January. A copy of "The Universe around us" by J. Jans had been sent to the Editor for review. The Secretary had written for a review copy of "The Pageant of the Stars" by Luyten, and he was instructed to write similarly for a copy of "Stars of the Southern Heavens" by Mangle. The Librarian had received copies of "Revista Astronomica" published by the Association of Friends of Astronomy at Buenos Aires, and it was agreed to add that Society to the Index: a copy of the last Journal would be sent to Dr. Lunt.

Annual Meeting

The Chairman stated that Mr. Wood would be attending the meeting of the S. Afr. Association for the Advancement of Science at Caledon in July and the Secretary was instructed to ask him when it would be convenient for him to visit Cape Town and deliver his Presidential Address.

The meeting then terminated.

G. Spencer Jones

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