

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of S.A. held at the Residence of Mr. A.W. Long, 'Carnalea', Malleco Road, Mowbray, on Monday 18th ^{August} ~~July~~ 1930 at 8 p.m.

Present: Capt Cameron Swain in the chair, Messrs Russell, ^{McLutye} Forbes, Horrocks, Mason, Long, Watson, Dr. Spencer Jones & Mr. Skewes, Hon Sec.

Alternates. Mr. Houghton had appointed Mr. Russell as his alternate — no other replies had been received. Letters had been sent to Messrs Houghton Messrs Wood & Jackson, suggesting the appointment of Messrs McLutye, Mason & Forbes respectively, & it was assumed that they agreed.

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

Correspondence. A letter from Mr. Eason suggested the appointment of a secretary to the Variable Star section — the matter was dealt with later.

Finance. Mr. Smith, the Treasurer, was unavoidably absent but sent a statement, read by the Hon Sec. The balance in hand was £18-18-6, — rather worse than the previous years.

Observing Sections: Variable Stars. Mr. Eason, proposed by Mr. Long & seconded by Mr. Watson was reappointed director, & Mr. H. Hayman, on Mr. Eason's recommendation, was appointed secretary.

Competing Section. Dr. Eason [proposed Dr. S. Jones, seconded Mr. Horrocks] was appointed director, with power to appoint his own secretary, if he had need of one.

- Mars. Mr Teasey was reappointed director on the motion of Mr Long, seconded by Dr S. Toose.
- Comet. As an unopposed motion from the chair, Mr Forbes was reappointed director.
- Meteor. Mr Mackenzie was proposed as director by Dr S. Toose, & seconded by Mr Forbes. This was agreed to.

Editor. Captain C. Swan proposed & Mr Mason seconded that Dr S. Toose be reappointed editor. This was agreed to.

Librarian. Mr Barrell was proposed by Mr Watson & seconded by Mr Long, & elected unopposed. Mr Barrell undertook to acquire a latchkey of the premises on which the Society's library was kept.

Journal Committee. The retiring Journal committee was reappointed en bloc without comment, Mr Mason replacing Mr Houghton.

- General (a) Mr Horrocks, who was shortly visiting Durban, undertook to sound the Natal Astronomical Association with a view to amalgamation.
- (b) Captain Cameron Swan undertook, on an unopposed motion by Mr Long, to write a letter of congratulation to General Smuts on his being elected an F.R.S.

The meeting then terminated.

D. Cameron-Swan.
Capt.