

minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of S.A. held at 'Casalea' Malletson Road Mowbray, on March 16th 1931 at 8.15 p.m.

Present: Capt. Cameron-Swan (chairman) Dr. Spencer Jones, Messrs. Bassell, Houghton, Teasey, Horrocks, Loag, Nasor, Mr. Latyre, Schoenewel, Smith, Watson, & the Hon. Sec.

Minutes. The minutes were read & an omission pointed out; they were then, as amended, confirmed.

Correspondence. Letters were read from Gen. Smuts regretting his inability to accept the presidency, from Dr. Roberts enclosing the above, and from Dr. Alden accepting nomination as president for the following year. Mr. Jackson wrote regarding the resignation of Mr. Forbes as his alternate, & the Council approved of Mr. Jackson's appreciation of Mr. Forbes work for him being minute. Mr. Jackson appointed ~~Mr. Teasey~~ Mr. Teasey as his alternate.

Constitution. Mr. Horrocks moved on behalf of the Cape Centre "That the Council of this Society submit the following proposal, to alter the constitution of the Society, to the next meeting:-

That article XIX of the constitution be amended by altering the title to 'HONORARY MEMBERS & MEMBERS EMERITI', and by the addition of the words "Upon the recommendation of the Council, a General meeting may elect as a member exercising any member who has rendered distinguished & outstanding services to the society. Such member emeritus shall be exempt from the payment of any subscription but shall have all the rights & privileges of a member, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the constitution of the Society."

Mr. Long seconded, and the motion was carried, *unanimously*.

Mr. Schougevel moved, 'that, subject to the approval by the General Meeting of the above alteration to the constitution, the names of D. J. K. E. Hala and Mr. E. J. Steer be submitted for election as members *ex-officio*.' Mr. Long seconded, & the motion was carried *unanimously*.

Finance.

The Treasurer gave the usual financial statement which showed a balance in hand of 9/3^d — a precarious position. At this stage Capt. Cameron-Swan undertook to donate two guineas to the society's funds — generosity which the members of the Council were not slow to appreciate.

Mr. Smith intimated that he was leaving for England on June 12, and Mr. M. Lutzke proposed that Mr. Shipman be asked to act as Mr. Smith's deputy during his absence, the proper authority to be given. Mr. Long seconded, & the motion was carried.

~~The~~ The Treasurer undertook to write to Johannesburg, asking for that centre's contribution to the society's funds.

Printed cards. Mr. Schougevel moved, & Mr. Macou seconded, that cards be printed to aid the librarian in acknowledging the receipt of periodicals. The Council agreed.

Mr. C. L. O. B. Dutton wrote giving particulars of a naked eye observation of Jupiter's satellites. This however the Council was unable to confirm. In view of the interest shown, however, Mr. Teasey donated 3 guineas to the Society's funds — having promised to do so if such an observation were proved genuine. D. Cameron-Swan.
Capt.