

Minutes of a meeting of the ^{Council of the} Astronomical Society of South Africa, held at the residence of Mr Long, "Barnala", Malleson Rd., Howbray, on Monday the 21st March 1932 at 8-15 pm.

Present Mr Schoneveld in the chair, Dr. Spencer Jones, The Rev. R. Graham, Messrs Andrews, Bunnell, Long, McIntyre, Pratt, Smith and the Hon. Sec.

Apologies for absence had been received from Capt. Cameron Iwan and Mr Mason.

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

Herschel Memorial. There was no modification of the situation as revealed in the letter from the Surveyor General's office to the South African National Society, dated 30 June 1931, its report. It was decided to interest the members of the city council particularly concerned, and to approach the Municipality with a view to securing formal record ~~of the transfer~~ of the transfer of the "reserve" offered by Sir Wm. J. Herschel and accepted by the Claremont municipality in 1906. Mr Pratt and Mr McIntyre undertook to ~~visit~~ compare the dimensions of the existing enclosure with those stipulated by Sir John Herschel, and to gather information shewing its relation to other fencing in the vicinity. It was decided to write thanking Sir John C. W. Herschel for his letter and to inform him of the Society's continued activity in the matter.

Exchange of Publications etc. On Mr Long's proposal seconded by Mr McIntyre, it was agreed to supply the missing numbers of the Journal requested by Berlin-Babelsberg, to supply complete sets to Bonn and Staro Jala, and to establish exchange of publications as suggested by these observatories.

Donation from Cape Centre. A letter was read from the Cape Centre informing the Council of their decision to donate £10 to the funds of the Society. In accordance with the suggestion of the Cape Centre

It was decided that a letter should be sent to the Johannesburg Centre pointing out the financial difficulties of the Society arising out of the heavy expense incurred in the printing of the journal, and suggesting that a donation on this occasion ~~from~~ from Johannesburg would be greatly appreciated.

Financial Statement. This showed a balance in hand of £ 4-3-8 but the sum of £ 13-18-9 remains to be paid to the printer in respect of the last issue of the journal.

The Subcommittee on the Constitution reported on its decisions with regard to the ~~subject~~ nature of the provisions to be embodied in the new constitution, and submitted some matters for the decision of the council before proceeding to draft the constitution in detail. It was decided that the office of President-Elect be not introduced; that no alteration be made in the procedure relating to expulsion; that the election of new members be subject to a ballot but that the ballot be held only if requested by a member.

Death of Mr Cox. On the proposal of Dr. Spencer Jones seconded by the Hon. Sec. it was decided to send a letter of sympathy and condolence to Mrs Cox.

The meeting then terminated.

H. W. Schumacher

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