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Minutes of a meeting of the ^{Council of the} Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the residence of Mr A. W. Long, Canalea, Malleson Rd, Howbray, at 8-15 pm. on Monday June 20th 1932

Present

Mr Schoneveld in the chair, Dr Spencer Jones, Messrs Andrews, Burrell, Long, McDutye, Jearney, Pratt, Smith, Capt Cameron Swan and the hon. sec.. An apology for absence was received from Mr Mason who had left for Natal.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Herschel Memorial. Mr. Pratt submitted a plan ^{that he had prepared} of the school grounds showing the position of the obelisk, and the extent of the area reserved by Sir John Herschel, and the area railed off enclosing the obelisk. The area reserved is considerably greater than that railed off. A ~~motion~~ ^{motion} of thanks to Mr Pratt, proposed by Mr Long and seconded by Capt Cameron Swan was passed.

The secretary reported that information had been received from the secretary ^{South African} of the National Society to the effect that ~~he~~ ^{she} had written to the City Council suggesting that the transfer of the reserved land (as agreed to by the Claremont Municipality in 1906) be registered. [letter to H. M. Astronomer]. He also read certain of the correspondence of the late Cape Astronomical Association showing that the question of right of way had been raised by them, and that the Claremont Municipality had arranged for a right of way from Obelisk Road to the Herschel Obelisk, by negotiation with the Diocesan College Council. From inquiries that had been made it appeared that the most advantageous procedure would be to request that the Parks and Improvement Committee receive a deputation which would lay the situation before them.

On the proposal of Dr Spencer Jones seconded by Mr Long it was agreed that a deputation be appointed to meet the Parks and Improvement Committee to urge that the City Council take transfer of the reserve in accordance with

offer made to and accepted by the Claremont Municipality in 1906; and also that advantage be taken of the right of way already secured, to make the memorial more accessible to the public than at present. Dr Spencer Jones, Mr McIntyre, and the Hon. Sec. were appointed to act, and it was agreed to invite the South African National Society, and the Claremont Ratepayers Association to send representatives.

Correspondence. The Hon. Sec. read a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Natal Astronomical Association stating that a motion ^{in favour of} ~~to~~ entering the Society would be presented ^{by the committee} to their annual meeting. ~~in fine~~

Financial Statement. This showed a balance of £ 21-16-9. The discussion of the financial position of the Society led to the suggestion that it would be desirable for the next meeting of the Council to consider the bearing of the financial position on the printing of the Journal.

Journal Committee Mr McIntyre suggested that a title page for Vol. II of the Journal be printed and distributed. It was agreed that this could most conveniently be done with the next issue of the Journal.

Library The Librarian submitted a list of publications received. It was agreed that the exchange copy of the B.A.A. Journal be kept with the Cape Centre's series in continuation thereof. It was proposed by Dr Spencer Jones, seconded by Mr Long, and agreed that the Librarian and Mr McIntyre should prepare a list of ^{publications in} the Society's library for inclusion in the next issue of Mr Lloyd's list of serial publications.

Dr's Report of Council. With small additions, the report as drawn up by the Secretary was agreed to, subject to additions and alterations that may be necessitated by further developments of the Society's affairs occurring before the Annual Meeting.

Amendments to the Constitution. The subcommittee on the constitution

suggested that the Council present the following amendments to the Annual Meeting:-

That in article II the title read "Foundation" instead of "Centres".

" - - - VIII " - - - "Centres and Branches" instead of "Branches" and that the following be added:- "A centre of the Society may be established at a General Meeting of the Society upon the recommendation of the Council. If such centre be formed by the entry of a previously existing organisation, all members in good standing of such organisation shall be deemed elected to membership of the society."

That in article XI "either ^{or any Branch} Centre" shall read "any Centre or Branch"

" - - - XV (viii) "each of the two Centres" shall read "each Centre" and that "which two members" shall read "and these".

These were agreed to; proposed Mr Long, seconded Dr. Spencer Jones.

It was also agreed that bye law 1 be amended by substituting "any Centre or Branch" for "either Centre or any Branch" in the event of the above amendments being adopted.

In the event of the amendments to the constitution being (and of the passage of the motion of the N.A.A. committee referred to in correspondence) passed as above, it was agreed that the following be submitted to the Annual General Meeting as a unanimous proposal by the Council:- "That the Natal Astronomical Association be established as a Centre of the Astronomical Society of South Africa."

Nominations for Office and Membership of Council. The list of members ^{received} from the Cape Centre showed that seventy-five members were in good standing. No list had been received from the Johannesburg Centre. Under these circumstances it was agreed to allow the Johannesburg Centre a quota of two on the Council if a late list was not received.

The following nominations for office were received:-

		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<u>President</u>	Dr. H. Spencer Jones	Mr. Jarey	Mr. Long
<u>Vice-presidents</u>	Mr. Enson (G.E.)	Mr. Long	Mr. McIntyre
	Mr. D. L. Forbes	Mr. Long	Mr. McIntyre
	Dr. Parasherosoulos	Dr. Spencer Jones	Mr. McIntyre
<u>Secretary</u>	Mr. Horrocks	Dr. Spencer Jones	Mr. McIntyre
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mr. W. H. Smith	Mr. McIntyre	Mr. Horrocks

The following nominations for membership of the Council were received:-

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Dr. H. L. Allen	Dr. Spencer Jones	Mr. Horrocks
Mr. H. E. Wood	Mr. Long	Mr. Andrews
Mr. H. Forest	Dr. Spencer Jones	Mr. Jarey
Mr. H. W. Long	Mr. Jarey	Mr. Pratt
Mr. Schoneguel	Mr. McIntyre	Dr. Spencer Jones
Mr. McIntyre	Mr. Pratt	Mr. Horrocks
Mr. Jarey	Mr. Smith	Mr. Andrews
Capt. Cameron Swain	Mr. Long	Mr. Burrell
Mr. Pratt	Mr. Long	Mr. Burrell
Mr. H. E. Mason	Mr. Long	Mr. Pratt
Rev. H. Graham	Mr. Burrell	Mr. Andrews.

Mr. Storr was nominated as auditor, proposed Mr. Jarey, seconded Mr. McIntyre.

Acting Secretary Mr. Schoneguel agreed to undertake the secretarial duties during the absence of the secretary.

Annual General Meeting Inquiries regarding the Royal Society's room and the Argus Board room were to be made. Final arrangements were left in the hands of Messrs Long and Schoneguel and the Hon. Sec.

The meeting then terminated.

H. Spencer Jones

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