

Minutes of Meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa, held at the residence of Mr. A. W. Long, "Carnalea", Malleon Road, Mowbray at 8.15 p.m. on

~~Saturday, September 19, 1932.~~

Monday September 19. 1932

Present Dr. Spencer Jones in the chair, Messrs. Long, Capt. Cameron Swan, Smith, Burrell, Mason and Andrews.

Apologies for absence were received from ~~Mrs. Watson~~ and Pratt, and in the absence of Mr. Horrocks overseas and Mr. Schonegevel through illness, notes for the minutes were taken by Mr. Mason.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mr. Long and adopted.

Correspondence Letters were read by Mr. Long from Mr and Mrs Horrocks conveying their thanks to members for wedding gifts.

Incorporation of Natal Centre Correspondence was put in, dating from July 13th to Sept. 12th, between Mr. Schonegevel as acting secretary for the Astronomical Society of South Africa and Messrs. Bennett Mumford and D.L. Forbes on behalf of the Natal Astronomical Society. From this it appears that all the necessary formalities for the incorporation of the Natal Astronomical Society as a Centre of the Astronomical Society of South Africa have now been completed, and the Natal Astronomical Association is now incorporated in the Astronomical Society of South Africa as the Natal Centre in accordance with the resolution adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the latter society on July 27th, 1932. "That in the event of the adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Natal Astronomical Association of the proposal for union with this Society, the said Natal Astronomical Association be incorporated in this Society in terms of Article VIII as amended, and shall be established as the Natal Centre of the Society." In a letter of thanks received from Mr. D.L. Forbes for his election as Vice-President of the Astronomical Society of South Africa, the information is supplied that the Natal Astronomical Society "put through the amalgamation as from 1st June last." Fuller particulars are expected in due course from the acting secretary of the new centre, which in the mean time is expected to hold its first meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. D.L. Forbes on or about Sept. 29th.

Herschel Monument. Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting of this Council (June 30th, 1932) Dr. Spencer Jones

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reported upon the meeting between the Improvements and Parks Committee of the City Council and a combined deputation representing the Astronomical Society of South Africa, the South African National Society and the Claremont Ratepayers Association. Correspondence was submitted concluding with an extract from the report of the Improvement and Parks Committee adopted by the City Council on July 28th, 1932. The City Council has authorised the Town Clerk to secure transfer of the reserve on which the Herschel Obelisk is erected, and the registration of the right of way over the grounds of the Feldhausen Public School. The suggested improvements and alterations to the plates and inscriptions are promised consideration at a later date (vide Town Clerk's letter of July 30th, 1932).

Appointment of Directors The following appointments of Directors of Sections were agreed to by the meeting as proposed by Capt. Cameron Swan and seconded by Mr. D.C. Burrell. Comet Section, Mr. A.F. Forbes; Variable Star Section, Mr. G.E. Ensor; Mars Section, Mr. B.F. Jearey.

Editor, Librarian and Journal Committee. Having confirmed the appointment for another year of Dr. H. Spencer Jones as Editor of the Journal and Mr. D.C. Burrell as Librarian, the meeting proceeded to the election of a Journal Committee consisting of Messrs. A.W. Long, D.G. Mc Intyre, H.C. Mason, and C. Peers, the names being proposed en bloc by C.M. Andrews seconded by Capt Cameron Swan.

Alternates The following was the distribution of the duties of alternates appointed by country members and agreed to by the meeting.

Mr. B.F. Jearey	to act for	Dr. Paraskevopoulos
" H.C. Mason	" " "	Mr. H.E. Wood
" R.R. Pratt	" " "	Dr. Alden
" D.C. Burrell	" " "	Mr. D.L. Forbes
" W. Andrews	" " "	Mr. G.E. Ensor

Financial Statement This showed a balance on Sept. 19th of £27. 7. 4., from which the Treasurer intimated a sum of £1. 16. 6 would have to be deducted for accounts unpaid, leaving £25. 10. 10.

Sum available for Journal In a discussion on the sum that would probably be available for the Journal before December, it was estimated that this would be about £35. 0. 0., sufficient for a journal of some 40 pages. Moved by Capt Cameron Swan and seconded by Mr Smith that the journal be limited to 40 pages, and include a photo of the late Mr. W.H. Cox.

The Council meeting then terminated.

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