

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa, held at the Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope on Monday 8th May 1933 at 8-15 p.m.

Present

W Long in the chair, Capt Cameron Swan, Messrs Andrew Burrell, McElroy, Schrezenel Smith and the Somers. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Jearey and Pratt.

Death of Dr. Jones

The Council stood in token of respect
The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs Jones expressing the council's sympathy

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 19th September 1932 were read & confirmed.

Durban Centre

There was no further development to report.

Herschel Memorial

No further correspondence had been received. It was reported that glass had been inserted in the panel on the south side, the plate with the English inscription having been removed to the east side. A plate with an Afrikaans inscription is in preparation.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Town Clerk for information in order to report on the position to Sir John Herschel. Messrs Long & McElroy and the Hon. Sec. were appointed as a subcommittee to consider any action that might be taken with regard to the Herschel Centenary.

Alternate

In the absence of Mr Mason on long vacation, it was agreed to write to Mr Wood suggesting he appoint an alternate to act temporarily in the place of Mr Mason.

Correspondence

The council expressed its appreciation of Dr Cowie's gift of 30 reprints.

Financial Position

A balance of £9-16-0 was shown on 8th May 1933

Presentation to Dr Spencer Jones

The balance sheet was presented and the deficit adjusted by members present. A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for their services in decorating the hall. A letter of thanks for the banquet presented to Mr Spencer Jones had been received by Mr Long.

Journal Committee. It was reported that Vol III, No 2, consisting of forty pages had been printed at a total cost of £27-9-0 and distributed. On the proposition of Mr McIntyre seconded by Capt Cameron Swan it was agreed to distribute to members a supplement to the journal, provided the cost did not exceed £5, containing an account ^{in full detail} of the meeting at which the presentation was made to Dr Spencer Jones, and photographs of Dr Spencer Jones and of the cabinet presented. To be printed at once, and dealt with by Journal Committee.

The writing of an obituary notice of Dr Jones for the next issue of the journal was undertaken by Mr McIntyre who undertook to secure a ~~to~~ line drawing for inclusion.

Mr McIntyre also undertook to write an obituary notice of Commander Rayleigh.

The consideration of the publication of a new list of members was deferred for the consideration of the first council meeting after the annual ~~annual~~ meeting.

President for 1933-34. It was unanimously agreed that the Council should nominate Mr McIntyre (Proposed by, seconded Capt Cameron Swan)

Mathematical Computing Section. Inquiries into the possibility of the organisation of such a section were left in the hands of a subcommittee consisting of Messrs Long, McIntyre and the hon. sec..

The meeting then terminated.

Anthony

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Chairman " position