

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 the 15th January 1934 at 8-0 pm.

Present

Mr Mc Intyre in the chair, Dr Jackson, Capt Cameron Swan, Messrs Andrews, Houghton, Long, Chankivell, Peers, Pratt, Smith and the hon. Sec.

Mr Schmegevel was absent ~~through~~ on account of a fractured leg. An apology for absence was read from Mr Alletson.

Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 9th Oct 1934 were read and confirmed.

Mr Woodgate did not wish to continue his membership.

No reply had been received from Messrs Williams and Richie who thus ceased to be members under article XVII (iii).

Mr Alletson's proposal to hold the meetings of the mathematical section in the hall at "Bishop's" Preparatory school was approved and it was decided that Mr Alletson should report back if this were not available.

On the proposal of Mr Long seconded by Mr Peers, Mr A.F.I. Forbes was appointed director of the Zodiacal Light and Gegenschein section which it was decided to establish.

Correspondence

A letter was read from the Herschel Centenary Celebration Committee requesting support for their guarantee fund. It was decided to guarantee £10.

Financial Statement. The balance sheet ^{showed a balance of} ~~£~~ £29.3.3. A sum of £3.18.9 had come to hand too late to be included in the balance sheet and the sum of £1.10.0 had become due for payment.

Payment of 15/- in respect of three meetings of the Mathematical Section at the Martin Melck House was approved.

Journal Committee. The Journal was in the hands of the printer and the final proofs had been received.

Mr Schonegevel. The sympathy of the meeting was to be conveyed to Mr. Schonegevel and the hope expressed that he would recover speedily from his accident.

Constitution

The subcommittee appointed for the purpose submitted a draft of a new constitution. The Introduction and Articles I to XVII were considered and amendments made. The second paragraph of article VII was referred back to the subcommittee for provision to be made that the Society should not incur responsibility for any of the liabilities of an organisation at the date of entry into the Society as a Centre.

It was left to the subcommittee together with Mr Nankivell to consider amendments that had been proposed to articles XVIII to XXIII and to report to the Council.

The meeting then terminated.

14 May '34.

W. D. G. J.
Chairman