

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 June 25th 1934 at 8-15 pm.

Present

Dr Jackson, Capt Cameron Ivan, Messrs Andrews, Burrell, Nankivell, Peers, Pratt, Schonegevel, and the Honorary Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Stoughton and Mr Smith. Mr McIntyre had also sent a message regretting that he could not arrive in time for the commencement of the meeting. In the absence of Mr McIntyre, Dr Jackson took the chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 14th May were read and confirmed.

Correspondence

The chairman informed the meeting that a letter had been received from Mr Dutton addressed to the president, expressing appreciation of the consideration that had been given to his views on the constitution. The chairman also stated that further correspondence had been received by Mr Nankivell from Mr Dutton dealing with certain phrases in the proposed constitution, and suggested that these should be considered when the other business on the agenda had been dealt with. To this the meeting agreed.

Financial

In the absence of Mr Smith the secretary read the balance sheet that he had submitted showing a balance of £2-19-7 on the 21st June 1934. Mr Pratt remarked that he had a cheque for £10-15-3 to be contributed to the Society's funds from the Cape Centre. The secretary informed the meeting that Mr Smith in his covering letter had stated his intention of resigning from the Society. The Council received this information with regret. It was decided to ask Mr Smith to balance his books to the 30th June and prepare the usual balance sheet to this date and transmit it when audited to the secretary.

The Journal Committee and Librarian had nothing to report.

Nominations for office and membership of Council In reply to the Secretary's request for lists of members qualified to vote in the annual meeting, lists containing the following numbers of names had been received:- Cape Centre 51: Johannesburg Centre 16: Durban Centre 16. The Cape number was stated to be in good standing on the 31st May 1934. On Mr Schonegevel's motion it was agreed that the quota should be:- Cape Centre 8, Johannesburg Centre 2, Durban Centre 2. The following nominations were then received:-

		Proposed.	Seconded
President:	Mr Watson	Mr Pratt	Mr Schonegevel
Vice Presidents:	Mr McIntyre D.S.	Mr Pratt	Mr Andrews
	Mr Wood A.E.	Mr Andrews	Capt. Cameron Swan
	Mr Dutton C.L.O.B.	Mr Schonegevel	Mr Pratt
Secretary	Mr Horrocks A.	Mr Andrews	Mr Nankivell
Treasurer	Mr Peers C.E.	Mr Schonegevel	Mr Horrocks
Auditor	Mr Steer E.G.	Mr Pratt	Mr Nankivell
Members of Council	Dr. Jackson J.	Capt. Cameron Swan	Mr Nankivell
	Mr Stevens J.D.	Mr Schonegevel	Capt. Cameron Swan
	Mr Forbes D.L.	Capt. Cameron Swan	Mr Pratt
	Mr Willis J.	Mr Nankivell	Mr Andrews
	Mr Long H.J.	Capt. Cameron Swan	Mr Peers
	Mr Kington A.E.	Mr Pratt	Capt. Cameron Swan
	Capt. Cameron Swan	Mr Andrews	Mr Pratt
	Mr Schonegevel A.W.	Mr Pratt	Mr Andrews
	Mr Alleton D.C.	Mr Pratt	Mr Nankivell

Annual Report. A draft annual report was read. It was suggested that some reference to the ^{official} reopening of the Kewward Southern Observatory should be made, and a more extended reference to the Kewward boundary. The Secretary was empowered to incorporate any suitable material that may be submitted to him or ~~that~~ ^{that} might appear appropriate to be included.

Annual Meeting The date fixed for the Annual Meeting according to the constitution is Wednesday July 25th 1934.

It was decided to hold it at the Martin Welch house

Proposed amended

Constitution and Byelaws. These as adopted at the last Council Meeting had been printed and circulated in proof to members able to attend the meeting. It was pointed out by the secretary that there was an error in article VI in which at the end of ^{the first} paragraph, "Annual Meeting" should read "Annual General Meeting." In article 2 of the byelaws "and Branch" needed to be struck out in one place. These alterations were made.

Mr. Washinell then read extracts from a further memorandum from Mr. Dutton. The council agreed that it could make the verbal alteration from "formed" to "founded" in the Introduction. Similarly the council altered "domicile" in article XII (c) into "headquarters". In article XVI Mr. Dutton pressed for "twenty one" days instead of "fourteen" days. The secretary pointed out that since in ^{accordance with} article XV ~~the notice to the secretary was required of a request for~~ a request for a Special General Meeting might reach the secretary only six weeks before the date of that meeting, a reasonable allowance of time to call a council meeting, if necessary, would give only a margin of a week in which to have notices prepared to circulate to members given the basis of ~~fourteen~~ fourteen days notice. These matters had been carefully considered by the subcommittee and so adopted. The council after a little discussion decided to adopt "twenty one days" in article XVI and "eight weeks" in article XV.

The chairman then pointed out certain phrases in the byelaws which he considered to be unnecessary. The secretary was instructed to strike these out and this was done in the proof sheets to be returned to the printer.

The meeting then terminated.

Wm. Duffell

in order that the interval between a Special General Meeting and the request therefor $\frac{7}{8}$ might not be unavoidably longer than necessary.