

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
November 5, 1934 at 8.15 pm

Present. Mr D. G. Mc Intyre (vice President) in the Chair
S. J. Jackson, Capt Cameron-Doran, Messrs
Andrews, Menzies, Peers, Prace Smith and the
Acting Secretary Mr W. Schuyvel
The Librarian (Mr Burrell) was also in attendance

Minutes The minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 25
1934 were read and confirmed

Correspondence The Acting Secretary reported having received
(a) A letter from the Hon Secretary of the Johannesburg
Centre recording the death of ^(Theodore Ballantyne) Mr T. B. Blathwayt
a member of that centre who was the discoverer
of Comets 1926 B and 1927 a
(b) Letters from the Secretary of the Natal Centre and
Mr G. F. Wickes reporting the death of Mr
David Lamont Forbes a member of Council
and former Vice President of the Society.
The Chairman proposed that the Secretary be
instructed to write to the Secretaries of the Centres
condoling with them in their loss and that
letters of condolence be sent to the relatives
of the deceased members.

Agreed to unanimously
The Acting Secretary read letters received from
Mr D. C. Alletson, Director of the Mathematical
Section in which he stated that after careful
consideration he was of opinion that there was
not sufficient support to justify the
continuation of the section.

The Secretary said that he had invited Mr Allston to attend the meeting ^{to enable him} to put his views before the Council in person.

Mr Allston then addressed the Council and suggested that the Section be discontinued altogether.

After discussion S Jackson proposed seconded by Capt Cameron Swan that regular meetings ^{of the Section} be discontinued for the present, but that occasional meetings may be held by arrangement with the Cape Centre.

This was agreed to.

Mr Allston expressed his willingness to continue as Director of the Section if re-appointed. He then retired.

The Acting Secretary read additions made to the Annual Report in terms of the suggestions made at Council meeting of June 25. It was resolved that the Annual Report be passed with the proviso that the Journal Committee be authorised to make such further amendment as may be deemed advisable.

The chairman said the next business was to regularise the position of the Treasurer. Mr Peers had been elected to the office of Treasurer because it was understood that Mr Smith had resigned the office. He (the Chairman) had however prevailed on Mr Smith to withdraw his resignation, and Mr Peers having resigned the office, Mr Smith had continued to act. Capt Cameron Swan proposed that Mr Smith be appointed Treasurer in terms of Article VI. This was seconded by Mr Peers and agreed to unanimously.

The Chairman said that Mr Watson had not been able to accept the Presidency, the office was therefore vacant and the appointment had been delegated by the Annual General Meeting to the Council. He proposed as an unopposed motion that S. J. K. E. Halm be asked to accept the office of President and that in the event of his acceptance

Annual
Report

Treasurer

President

that this meeting confirms the appointment.

Seconded by Capt Cameron Brown and agreed to
It was resolved that a deputation consisting of the
Chairman Capt Cameron Brown Mr Peers and the
Acting Secretary wait on Dr Halton to prefer the
Council's request.

Secretary. The Chairman reported having in his capacity of President
prior to the Annual Meeting received a letter from
the Secretary (Mr Horrocks) tendering his resignation
as Secretary, as it was too late to do anything else
the appointment of Mr Horrocks had to stand, this
meeting could now accept the resignation. At
his request Mr Schonegevel had consented to act
till a successor was appointed.

A letter was read from Mr Horrocks written from
Charley Lancashire in which he sent his greetings
and best wishes to the Council & Society.

It was resolved that the resignation be accepted and
that in acknowledging the letter, that the Actg
Secretary be instructed to convey the Council's
thanks for the services rendered by him ^{as Secretary} to the
Society.

It was also resolved that a letter of thanks be
addressed to Mrs Horrocks for her hospitality to
members of the Society.

Dr Jackson proposed Mr Schonegevel as Secretary
but Mr Schonegevel felt unable to accept,
as there was no other nomination Mr Schonegevel
consented to act till the next meeting of Council.

Alternates. The Acting Secretary reported the appointments
of alternates as follows:—

Mr C E Peers	alternate for	Mr H E Wood
" A Menzies	"	" C L B Sutton
" R R Pratt	"	" J Willis
" Andrews	"	" H E Houghton

Capt Cameron Swan Alternate for Mr D. L. Forbes.

The Council then proceeded to consider the appointment of directors of observing sections in terms of Article VI

It was resolved on a proposal by Mr Menzies seconded by S^r Jackson, that the Mars Section be discontinued and a Planetary Section substituted.

Capt Cameron Swan proposed that Mr Jean be asked to be director of this section see by Mr Menzies & agreed to.

Mr Smith proposed the reappointment of directors of sections as follows

Comets	Mr A F J Forbes
Variable Stars	" G E. Enow
Zodiacal Light	" A F. J. Forbes.
Mathematical	" D. C. Allerton

seconded by Mr Andrews and agreed to

On the motion of Mr Smith it was resolved to reappoint

Mr Burrell, Librarian and

on the motion of Mr McIntyre it was resolved to

reappoint S^r J Jackson as Editor.

The Acting Secretary proposed Mr Bennett Mumford to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr D. L. Forbes. This was seconded by Mr Peers and agreed to.

On the proposal of Mr Menzies seconded by Mr Pratt the following Journal Committee was appointed

Messrs A. W. Long, G. E. Peers and D. G. McIntyre with the Editor & Secretary ex officio.

Treasurer
Statement

The Treasurer's Statement showed balance as follows
 £ 12 12 3 Receipts 7 12 3 Expenditure £ 16 1 8
 Cr Balance £ 4 2 10 - £ 2 5 0 was still owing to the
 Printers of the Constitution.

The Chairman said that the item of £ 2 5 0 for Presidential address would be met by a donation.

The Treasurer reported that no contributions had been received from the Johannesburg Centre

since August 1933 and that was for contributions due on June 30 of that year.

The Acty Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Johannesburg Centre and to point out that contributions should be remitted quarterly in terms of the Constitution. The Natal Centre also to have this pointed out to them.

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