

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Cape Observatory on Monday, Jan 24th 1935 at 8.15 P.M.

Present: Dr. J. K. E. Halm, ^{Capt.} ~~Halm~~ D. Cameron-Ivan, Messrs. Long, Smith, Andrews, and the Hon. Secretary. As these do not constitute a quorum, it was unanimously decided to carry on the business of the evening, and to ask for confirmation of ^{the} ~~any~~ work done at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

The Minutes of meeting held on April 29, 1935, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurer intimated that he had received no contributions from any Centre since the last Council meeting. The balance in hand was £1.16² 11².

The committee appointed to enquire into the possibility of financing the issue of a monthly Circular had not drafted a report, and this matter was therefore postponed until the next Council meeting.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter ^{received} from Mr. Enser of ~~Johannesburg~~ Pretoria, in which he states that owing to indifferent health, he wishes to resign as Director of the Variable Star Section, and nominates Mr. H. E. Houghton as his successor. He further wishes to be transferred from the Johannesburg to the Cape Centre. It was decided that the Council could not accede to the latter request without first receiving a communication from the Hon. Secretary of the Johannesburg Centre.

A letter was read from the Librarian of the Johannesburg Public Library, asking for a complete set of the Society's journal, from Vol. I no. I to date. The journals had been forwarded to the Library by the Hon. Secretary.

Only sufficient nominations to fill the offices and for membership of Council were received, and the following will therefore be declared elected at the Annual General Meeting, which is to be held on Wednesday the 24th July 1935.

President: Dr. J. Jackson.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. J. K. E. Halm; Mr. A. Pilling; Mr. J. Willis.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. Menzies

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. H. Smith. Auditor: Mr. E. J. Steer.

Members of Council: Mr. H. E. Wood, Mr. A. W. Long, Mr. A. W. Robinson, Mr. C. E. Peers, Mr. D. C. Alletson, and Mr. J. B. Mumford.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. H. W. Schoneguel expressing the appreciation of the Council for the services rendered by him in his capacity as Secretary. His resignation from this post was received with regret, but the Council ^{was} agreed that his reasons for resigning, were sufficiently potent, and precluded the possibility of asking Mr. Schoneguel to continue to undertake the office of Secretary at the present time.

A letter was read from Mr. H. E. Houghton expressing a wish not to be nominated for the Council, owing to his frequent absences from Headquarters. Mr. C. L. O' B. Dutton was also desirous that someone should be nominated in his place.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Halm