

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Cape Observatory on Monday, Sept 23rd 1935 at 8.15 P.M.

Present: Dr. J. K. E. Halm, Messrs Long, Turner, Alletson, Robinson, Andrews, and the Hon. Secretary. Mr. W. H. Smith sent a message to inform the Council that he would be unable to attend, as he had arrived home very late.

The minutes of meeting held on Monday June 24th 1935, were read and confirmed. As at that meeting a quorum was not present, the meeting was asked to indemnify the work done on June 24th by the last Council. This was agreed to.

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Long reported the balance in hand as being £17 "5" "11".

The position of affairs at the Johannesburg Centre of the Society was next discussed. The Hon. Secretary read a letter received from that Centre, in which mention was made of the loss sustained by Johannesburg through the deaths of Dr. Zinnis, Geddes, and Blathwayt. The Hon. Secretary of that Centre reported further that owing to resignations the Centre was at a very low ebb, but that as soon as the Treasurer returned from a holiday overseas, they would settle matters up, and report. It was resolved that the Hon. Secretary of the Society should write to Johannesburg to enquire whether anything further had been done.

Letters had been received by the Hon. Secretary from Mr. H. E. Wood appointing Mr. J. B. G. Turner his alternate, and from Mr. J. Willis, appointing Mr. D. G. McIntyre his alternate. In the absence of any communication from Mr. J. B. Mumford, Mr. W. Andrews was appointed as his alternate.

Mr. Ensor's resignation as director of the Variable Star Section was accepted, and Mr. H. E. Houghton was appointed to this post. Mr. A. F. G. Forbes was reappointed Director of the Comet Section, ^{and of the Zodiacal Light Section} It was decided to discontinue the Mathematical Section, of which Mr. D. C. Alletson was the Director.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Emsor, congratulating him on his recovery from a recent serious illness.

Mr. A. W. Long, one of the members of the Journal Committee, reported that the material for the next issue of the Journal was in the hands of the printer. It was decided that a paper of better quality should be used for the coming number, and that the size of the pages be increased slightly.

A request from the Cape Centre Committee that Mr. Skjellemp be made an Hon. Member was ~~seconded~~^{proposed} by Mr. ~~Robinson~~^{Andrew}, and ~~proposed~~^{seconded} by Mr. Robinson, and carried unanimously.

A request from the Cape Centre that the following names be deleted from the roll of the Society, was agreed to: - Stubos, Bensch, J. B. Davis, and S. H. Maasdorp. As Mr. J. B. Davis was in poor circumstances, it was decided to accept his resignation from the Society, although his subscription was several years in arrears.

There being no further business, the meeting ~~concluded~~ was declared closed.

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