

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Cape Observatory on Tuesday, April 14, 1936 at 8.15 P. M.

Present: Dr. J. Jackson, Messrs. Turner, Long, Andrews, Alletson, Smith, Robinson and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council meeting held on 23rd September 1935 were read and confirmed.

The financial statement handed in by Mr. Smith showed a balance in hand of $\pounds 38 \cdot 17 \cdot 5$, arrived at as follows:

To Bal. Bt. Forward	£ 8 · 6 · 6	By Journal A/c to date	£ 31 · 15 · 0
• Contributions		• Printing + Stationery	2 0
Cape Centre	28 · 1 · 9	• Sundries	1 14 0
Sale of Journals	2 · 0 · 1	• Postages	1 15 0
• Sundial	9 · 1	• Balance	3 11 5
	<u>£ 38 · 17 · 5</u>		<u>£ 38 17 · 5</u>

The Journal Committee reported that the Society owed $\pounds 19 \cdot 6 \cdot 3$ on the last issue of the Journal. It was moved and passed that the Cape Centre be asked to ^{make a} contribution ~~£~~ towards this debt.

The position of the Johannesburg Centre was next considered. Letters received by the Hon. Secretary from the Johannesburg Centre made it clear to the meeting that, although the affairs of that Centre had not been officially wound up, the Centre had ceased to be an active ~~member~~ branch of the Society. A meeting to close the books was to have been held some time last year, but the difficulty was to get together sufficient members to form a quorum. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Johannesburg, informing them that the Council of the Society assumes that the Centre has ceased to exist, and asking for the books and any balance in hand to be sent to the Society at Cape Town.

A letter received from the Durban branch of the Society was then read to the meeting. From this letter it appears that the Durban centre is not in very flourishing condition; but Mr. Mumford promised to send down whatever money they were able to spare, by the end of May. No dues have been received from Johannesburg or Durban for a few years past, by the Society...

It was decided to ask Mr. R. Watton to accept the office of President of the Society for the session 1936-37; and should he be unable to ~~accept~~ accept, that Mr. H. E. Houghton be asked to fill this post.

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

J. Jackson

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