

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Thursday the 29th July 1937 at 8.15 P.M.

In the absence of Pretoria of Mr. H.E. Houghton, Dr. Jackson presided. The attendance was good.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd July 1936, were read, and after a slight alteration had been made, confirmed.

The retiring Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Smith, read the Financial Statement, which showed a balance in hand of £77. Dr. Jackson mentioned that this was the last Financial Statement to be presented by Mr. Smith, who had acted as Treasurer to the Society for a number of years. A hearty vote of thanks for Mr. Smith's services in the past, was moved by Dr. Jackson and carried with acclamation.

The ^{Annual} report of the Council was read by the Hon. Secretary, and adopted by the meeting.

Mr. J. B. C. Turner read the report of the Variable Star Observing Section, which was presented by Mr. Houghton. Mr. Long read Mr. Forbes' report on the activities of the Comet Section, while the Zodiacal Light Section report was read by the Hon. Secretary. This report was presented by Mr. A. F. I. Forbes, who had prepared charts of the Zodiac for use by observers of the Light. These charts had served as the plan on which a similar chart issued by the British Astronomical Association, ~~had been~~ were based. Mr. C. E. Peers, Director of the Jupiter Section, reported that during the year Jupiter had been unfavourably placed for observing, and that observing conditions had been poor.

Mr. H. W. Schmegechel and Mr. T. Mackenzie were unanimously elected Members Emeriti of the Society.

As only sufficient nominations to fill the offices and for membership of Council had been received, the following were declared elected: - President: Dr. J. S. Paraskeropoulos
Vice-Presidents: Mr. H. E. Houghton H.E., Dr. J. Jackson, and

Mr. A. W. Long, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Hargreaves

Hon. Treasurer: Miss J. R. Robinson.

Auditor: Mr. E. G. Keer. Hon. Librarian: Mr. W. Andrews

Members of Council: Messrs J. B. Humphord, A. F. I. Forbes, G. E. Ensor, A. W. Robinson, Dr. R. H. Gray and Capt. D. Cameron
Luan.

A paper of on Long Period Variable Stars, prepared by Mr. Houghton, was, in his absence, read by Mr. A. W. Long. Official duties at Pretoria was the reason for the absence of Mr. Houghton, who had written to the Hon. Secretary, ^{conveying his best wishes to} ~~attending~~ the meeting, ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~much~~ ^{much}.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Houghton for his paper, and Mr. Long for ~~his~~ the reading of the address.

The meeting then terminated.

J. P. van Kesterhout.