

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday the 12th June 1939, at 8.15 P.M.

Present: Mr. Schonegevel (in the Chair), Messrs Andrews, Turner, Robinson, Miss Robinson, Dr. Jackson, and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 20th February 1939 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes, Dr. Jackson reported on his interview with Mr. Forbes at Hermanus, on the question of viewing the Zodiacal Light during the total eclipse of the sun in 1940.

Capt. Cameron-Swan had written to apologise for his absence, owing to distance from Cape Town. Mr. Long was unable to be present owing to ill-health, while Mr. Houghton was also prevented from attending.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in bank of £2-5-0, while £3-15-8 was owing on the last issue of the Journal.

Dr. Jackson, a member of the Journal Committee, reported that No. 4 of Volume 4 of the Society's Journal had been issued since the last Council meeting.

Canon Ford in a letter to the Hon. Secretary suggested (1) That the Society publish a list of the towns in the path of totality during the eclipse of 1940. It was agreed that an article on the eclipse be printed in the next number of the Journal. (2) That the Society alter the Jupiter Observing Section to a Planetary Section. This was agreed to, and it was decided to offer the post of Director of this Section, to Canon Ford.

A letter from Mr. Peers containing his resignation, owing to ill-health, from the Council, was read. The Council accepted Mr. Peers' resignation with regret.

Mr. Houghton in a letter to the Hon. Secretary pointed out a discrepancy in the balance at 30th June 1937, printed

on Page 125 of the Journal, and that for the same date printed on Page 155. Miss Robinson explained this as being due to bank charges, which had not been allowed for in the first instance.

Dr. Jackson conveyed to the meeting the offer of the loan of a telescope belonging to the Royal Astronomical Society, and at present at the Royal Observatory. The Council accepted the offer, and instructed the Hon. Secretary to convey the appreciation of the Council to the R. A. S.

It was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting at the Royal Observatory, on Wednesday the 26th July.

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 Meeting.

President: Dr R. A. Rossiter.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs Mackenzie, Schonegevel and Watson.

Hon. Secretary: Mr A. Menzies

Hon Treasurer: Miss J. R. Robinson.

Members of Council: Dr. Jackson, Capt. Cameron-Swan, Messrs Reed, Long, ~~and~~ Turner, and Mumford.

Alternates: Dr. Hoy, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Robinson.

The Annual Report was considered and adopted.

The meeting ended with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Jackson for their hospitality.

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