

## Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1939 at 8.15 P.M.

Mr. Schougevel was in the Chair. Capt. Cameron-Swan, Dr. Jackson, and messrs. Tillitts, Bale, Reed, de Kock, Krumm, Landers, and Orpen, and Mrs. Shephard, Miss Robinson and the Hon. Secretary were present.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 1938 were read and confirmed.

The Annual Report of the Council was read by the Hon. Secretary. Mr. Krumm asked whether the telescope lent to the Society by the R.A.S., was complete. Dr. Jackson replied that the telescope was at present at the Royal Observatory, except the Object-glass which was missing. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Landers, seconded by Capt. Cameron-Swan, and passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. <sup>A.W.</sup> Long was unanimously elected a Member Emeritus by the meeting.

As only sufficient nominations to fill the offices and for membership of Council had been received, the following were declared elected:

President: Dr. R. A. Rossiter.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs Mackenzie, Schougevel and Watson

Hon. Secretary: Mr A Menzies. Hon. Treasurer, Miss J. R. Robinson.

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

A letter received from Dr. Rossiter by the Hon. Secretary was read to the meeting by Mr. Schougevel.

Dr. Rossiter expressed his willingness <sup>to serve</sup> and pleasure at being nominated as President of the Society, and <sup>with</sup> ~~said~~ that he would be pleased to attend and deliver an address to the Society at the completion of his 5 years of office.

Mr. T. Mackenzie's paper on "Historic Determinations

of the Longitude of the Cape", was read to the meeting by Capt. D. Cameron-Swan.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Hon. Secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Mackenzie for his instructive paper. The Chairman thanked Capt. Cameron-Swan on behalf of members, for his reading of the Address.

The report of the Variable Star section, presented by Mr. Houghton, was read by Mr. Reed, and adopted by the meeting.

Mr. Krumm read Mr. Forbe's Report of the Comet section. The report was adopted.

The Treasurer's Report, read by Miss R. Robinson, showed a balance in hand of £1.12.7.

A hearty vote of thanks to Dr & Mrs Jackson for their hospitality, moved by Capt. Cameron-Swan and seconded by Mr. Schmegevel, was passed with acclamation.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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H. W. Schmegevel  
Vice Pres. Chairman