

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Royal Observatory, Observatory on Wednesday the 14th July 1943 at 8.15 P.M. Mr. Forbes presided. The attendance was good.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 15th July 1942 were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Krumm showed a balance in hand of £97-19-9. Dr. Story said that the thanks of the Society were due to Mr. Krumm for his work in bringing about the present sound financial position.

Mr. Forbes in his Presidential Address said that beginners in Astronomy soon felt the need of a telescope of their own. An amateur could construct his own reflector, given a moderate amount of mechanical ability. Mr. Forbes detailed the useful work an amateur could do in astronomy, and called for members to carry on the task which had been the province of the speaker for years past, of comet seeking. The speaker gave a description of the appearance of various comets, and the inclination of

their orbits, and their periods. A vote of thanks to Mr. Forbes for his very interesting address, moved by Dr. Jackson, was enthusiastically adopted by the meeting.

The Annual Report of the Council, read by the Hon. Secretary, was adopted by the meeting.

The following officers were declared elected:

President: Dr. Van den Bos

Vice-presidents: Mr. Forbes, Capt. Cameron-Macn, Dr. Story.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Menzies. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Krumm

Members of Council: Dr. Jackson, Messrs Hirst, de Kock, Houghton,

Van den Bos thanking the Society for the honour bestowed on him.

Hon. Librarian: Mr. Davies

The Report of the Variable Star Section presented by Mr. Houghton was read by Mr. Davies. Mr. de Kock had observed a large number of variables during the year. The report was adopted.

Mr. Schonegevel read the report of the Comet Section, presented by Mr. Forbes. The report was adopted.

Capt. Cameron-Macn said that the Society was greatly indebted to Dr. Jackson for the use of the meeting-room at the

Royal Observatory.

This concluded the business for the evening.

W. Brander Bos.