

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 26th July 1944 at 7.45 P.M. Dr. Van den Bos presided. The attendance was good.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 14th July 1943 were read and confirmed.

A card received by the Hon. Secretary from the family of the late Dr. J. K. E. Halm in reply to a telegram of condolence sent on behalf of the Society, was read to the meeting by the President, who called on those present to stand as a mark of respect.

The Annual Reports of the Council and observing sections were not read at the meeting, but had been circulated among members before the meeting. The Financial Statement showed a balance in hand at 30th June 1944 of £100.15.0.

Those present listened with keen interest to the paper read by Dr. Van den Bos, on "Methods of Observation". Dr. Van den Bos said that double stars could be observed both photographically and visually. Most people could do photographic observing, but only a few made good visual double-star observers. An observer should not start a double-star observation with a preconceived idea of what he is going to see. Dr. Van den Bos enumerated various pitfalls open to double-star observers.

At the conclusion of the paper a vote of thanks for the speaker was moved by Dr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Hint, who said that Dr. Van den Bos was always ready to advise and help amateurs in double-star observing. The meeting showed its appreciation in the usual manner. This ended the business for the evening.

The following officers were declared elected:

President: Mr. A. W. J. Cousins, F.R.A.S.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. H. van den Bos, Mr. A. F. J. Forbes, Dr. R. H. Stoy.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. Menzies

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. H. E. Krumm.

Members of Council: Dr. H. Alden, Dr. J. Jackson, Dr. H. Knot-Shaw,

Dr. R. O. Redman, Mr. W. Hirst, Mr. H. E. Houghton, and Mr. R. P. de Kock.

This ended the business for the evening.

Read & confirmed 25th July 1945

A. W. Cousins

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Minutes of Council meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 9th August 1944 at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the Chair) Dr. Jackson, messrs Hirst, de Kock, Krumm, Davies, Orfan, Schirach and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 26th May were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. Krumm reported that ^{three} copies of "The Sky and Telescope" had been forwarded from the U. S. A., and were due to arrive shortly, when copies would be distributed to members, who would be asked to comment on the new arrangement.

The Financial Statement showed a balance of £103-19-7.

Mr. Forbes had expressed a wish to resign the Directorship of the Comet and Zodiacal Light Section. It was decided not to appoint a Director of this Section, but on a motion proposed by Mr. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Krumm, it was decided that the observing sections be combined into one Observing Section, to be directed by a Committee, which was to include Mr. Houghton and Canon Ford, the directors of the present sections, and messrs Davies, Hirst, and Krumm, members of a local Committee whose duty it was to canvas members in possession of telescopes with a view to recruit for the