

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 4th September at 8 P.M.

Present: Mr Hirst (in the Chair), Dr. Stoy, Messrs. Davies, Krumm, Schisack, Turner, Borchards, de Wet, and the Hon. Secretary.

An apology for absence was read to the meeting by the Hon. Secretary in a letter received from Mr. S. Osben.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 3rd July 1946 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes, Dr. Stoy asked if a letter had been sent to Mr. Cousins advising him of the Council's vote of thanks for his work for astronomy. The Hon. Secretary said that this had not been done, but that the omission would be corrected as soon as possible.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Krumm showed a balance in hand at 4th Sept. 1946 of £75-11-8.

A request received from the Cape Centre Committee that the subscriptions of the Cape Centre members should be paid to the Treasurer of the Society was accepted on the motion of Mr. Krumm, seconded by Dr. Stoy; and that ~~their request that~~ the sum of £15 be ^{donated} ~~refused~~ to the Secretary of the Centre.

A further proposal by the Cape Centre that the Natal Centre be asked for a list of the books in their library and whether that Centre was prepared to make these available ^{for} ~~on~~ loan to members of the Society not members of the Centre, was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Borchards, seconded by Mr. Turner.

Mr. Borchards informed the meeting that four meetings for teachers had been held during August. The meetings were well attended.

A letter from the University of Tartu requesting exchange of publications was read by the Hon. Secretary, and the Editor of the Monthly Notes was instructed to send copies to the University in the future.

It was decided that ^{Mr.} ~~Dr.~~ De Toit of Bloemfontein (Harvard Observatory) be asked to form a Comet Observing Section, of which he would be Director. Mr. de Toit was to be informed that the Council ~~was~~ would make arrangements for the computing of orbits.

It was also decided to ask Mr. Venter to be Director of the Meteor Section.

The following were appointed to serve on a sub-committee to draft a new Constitution for the Society: Messrs Krumm, Borchards, and Hirst. (Proposed by Dr. May, seconded by Mr. Davies)

Mr. Krumm was empowered to call on members to assist in the sub-editing of the Monthly Notes.

The following Alternates were appointed, subject to the consent of the members of Council concerned:

Mr. de Wet for Dr. Redman.

Mr. Turner for Mr. Chubb *

Mr. Orpen for Dr. Paraskewopoulos

Mr. Mc L. Johnston for Dr. Jan den Bos.

Mr. Davies for Mr. Cousins

Mr. de Kock for Mr. Mumford *

Mr. Borchards for Dr. Knox-Thoro.

Mr. Schirach for Mr. Forbes

This concluded the business for the evening.

W. P. Hirst.