

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 30th October 1946, at 8 P.M.

Present: Mr Hint (in the Chair) Drs Jackson and Story, Messrs. Schirach, Davies, Krumm, Borchards, Johnston, de Kock, Orpen, and the Hon. Secretary. An apology for absence had been received from Mr. Turner.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 4th September 1946 were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter received from Mr. Maidment of Natal, in which the Natal Committee's decision not to support the proposed amendment to the Constitution, is recorded.

A letter received by Mr. Turner from Mr. E.C. Chubb was read to the meeting. Mr. Chubb stated that any attempt to increase subscriptions would have an undesirable effect on the Natal Centre.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Krumm showed a balance in hand at 30th October 1946 of £30-18-5.

Mr. Krumm reported that at the present subscription rate the Society was working at a loss, and it was decided to reconsider the Financial position at the next meeting of the Council, when the revised Constitution would also ~~be~~ be discussed.

A letter received from Dr. Blesley in which progress in the formation of a Johannesburg Centre was reported, was read to the meeting by the Hon. Secretary.

The following whose names had been considered and passed by the Council, were declared elected as Members. Mr. J. P. Friedlinghaus, 6 Terna Rd, Mountain View, J'burg; Mr. J. A. Walker, University Ex-Senicemen's Residence, Cottlesloe, J'burg; Dr. B. de Meillon, P.O. Box 1038, J'burg; Mr. J. H. Nielson, 10 Castle St., Fellside, J'burg; Miss L. Rom, 36 Torquay Rd, Parkwood, J'burg; Mr. C. B. Archer, 55 Armadale St, Sydenham, J'burg; Mr. L. H. Harland, 12 Wanderers Mans, Wolmarans St, J'burg; Mr. B. Stein, 25 Crescent Rd, Parkwood, J'burg; (Pro. Mr. Beggs, sec. Mr. Blesley)

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Mr. E. L. Johnson, Union Observatory, 9' Burg. Mrs. Dr. Van der
Bos, see Mr. Finzen.

A letter from Mr. du Toit ^{declining} resigning the post of Director of
the Comet Section was read to the meeting. Members were informed
that Mr. E. L. Johnson of Johannesburg had now accepted this
position.

A letter of appreciation to the Editor of the Monthly Notes
from Mr. A. F. J. Forbes was read to the meeting. Mr. Forbes
states that the Notes thoroughly justify themselves and
are reflected in the progress the Society has been making of late
years.

Mr. S. C. Venter, the Director of the Meteor Section had
written to ask whether the observations of meteors should be
sent to New Zealand or to Oliver. It was decided to write
to Oliver asking his advice in the matter.

The Teachers' Sub-Committee reported the advisability of
a series of lectures in Astronomy being given at the University to
Teachers. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the
Dean of the Science Faculty to this effect.

Mr. Krumm reported that Mr. Bentley was desirous
of starting a P. Elizabeth Centre of the Society. This project
had the blessing of the Council.

Mr. Krumm was authorised to write to Dr. Schan-
land asking for an annual grant to the Society.

This concluded the business for the evening.
The death of Mr. A. W. Robinson was brought to the
notice of the Council by Mr. Schirach, and the Hon. Secre-
tary was instructed to write to Miss Robinson ^{to} express
the sympathy of members in her bereavement.

W. P. Hart.