

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Friday the 20th Dec. 1946 at 8 P.M.

Present: Mr Hirst (in the Chair) Dr. Stoy, Messrs Davies, Turner, Borchers, Schirach, Orben, de Kock and the Hon Secretary.

An apology for absence had been received from Mr Krumm.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 30th Oct., 1946 were read and after being amended, confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes, a letter sent to the Dean of the Science Faculty of the Cape Town University was read to the meeting by the Hon. Secretary, together with the reply, which said that the matter would be dealt with later on.

In a letter received from Miss J. Robinson and read to the Council, the writer expressed her thanks for the letter of sympathy they sent to her by members of Council, and intimated her desire to continue her membership of the Society.

A reply to a letter sent to the S. African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research by Mr. Krumm was read by the Hon. Secretary. The reply stated that the Society's request for a grant of £100 per annum would be brought before the Council.

Two letters dealing with the formation of a Port Elizabeth branch of the Society, received from Mr. J. C. Bentley by Mr. Krumm, were read, and the contents approved by members.

A letter received from the Sydney Observatory was read to the meeting. The Government Astronomer at this Observatory was desirous of exchanging publications with the Society. A list of Sydney publications available for exchange was read, and the Council decided to ask for a copy of 'Elementary Astronomy for Service Use'.

The Draft Constitution was discussed item by item, and adopted after several alterations and deletions had been made.

The Council fully approved of Mr. Krumm's motion that Christmas boxes be given to helpers with the sending out of the Monthly Notes and to the postman sending the Hon Editor's residence. This concluded the business for the evening.

W. P. Hirst - 1947 Apr. 10.