

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 16th April 1947 at 8 P.M.

Present: Mr Hirst (in the Chair) Drs. Jackson and Stoy, Messrs Daves, Cousins, Turner, Krumm, Schirad, de Kock, Borchers, Johnston, Cohen and the Hon. Secretary. An apology for absence had been received from Mr. Houghton, who was unable to be present owing to ill-health.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 20th December 1946 were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Krumm showed a balance in hand of £65. Mr. Krumm said that a sum of £45 was due to be sent to America for the "Sky and Telescope", leaving a balance of £20.

A letter received from the Natal Centre giving that Centre's reactions to the proposed changes in the Constitution was read to the meeting.

A letter received from Mr. Houghton was read to the meeting. Mr. Houghton said that the "Sky & Telescope" should be dropped and the Monthly Notes shortened by not publishing verbatim reports of papers read at monthly meetings. Mr. Houghton suggested that the Presidential Addresses should be published separately from the Notes.

Mr. Cousins gave a brief account of the Natal Centre's main sources of expenditure.

After some discussion it was decided to ask a General Meeting to be held on May 14 to pass an amendment to the Constitution making the subscription to the Society 30/- (£1.10/-) per annum. Members were to be informed of this through the post.

It was decided to continue the Monthly Notes and the distributions to members of the "Sky & Telescope".

This concluded the business for the evening.

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J. Jackson.