

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 14th May 1947 at 7.30 P.M.

Present: Mr. Hirst (in the Chair) Dr. Jackson, Messrs Davies, Cousins, Turner, Krumm, Schirack, de Kock, Borchards, Orben, ~~and~~ Houghton, and the Hon. Secretary.

New
Centre. A request from Mr. J. C. Bentley for the ^{approval} ~~approval~~ of the Council to the formation of a Port Elizabeth Centre, was granted.

Resignations The following Resignations were accepted: Kingswood College, Messrs. Whittingdale, Bland, Rev. Turvey, Point High School, and Miss Mellow, on the motion of Mr. H. E. Houghton, seconded by Mr. Borchards.

The following were elected Members of the Society: (Proposed by Mr. Bentley, sec. by Mr. Krumm) ^{Mr} ~~Mr~~ C. J. Anilmot, P.O. Box 1125, P. Elizabeth; Mr. R. Hutchison, 99 Fordyce Rd, Walmer, P. Elizabeth; Dr. B. F. F. Laubscher, 204 Cape Rd, Port. Elizabeth; Mr. W. J. Morris, P.O. Box 1102, P. Elizabeth; Mr. A. R. Simpson, Box 7, P. E., Mr. W. A. Milne, E. P. Herald, P. E., Mr. B. A. Simpson, 22 Water Rd, Walmer, P. E.; Rev. A. ~~Levy~~ Levy, Synagogue House, Deane St, P. E.; Mr. H. N. Smith, P.O. Box 225, P. E.; Mr. W. A. Willis, P.O. Box 225, P. E.; Miss A. Bailey, 100, Tyronne Ave, Park View, J. Burg, bro. C. B. Archer, sec. D. W. Beppi, Mr. E. D. Guinsberg, P.O. Box 417, P. E.; Mr. S. S. Franklin, 39 Perrott Ave, P. E.; Mr. E. P. Dumbleby, P.O. Box 1117, P. E.; Mr. G. B. Anderson, Box 22, P. E.; Mr. E. Waring, 6 Walton Rd, Mill Park, P. E.; Mr. M. G. Parsons, 2 Melville Rd, P. E.

A letter received by Mr. A. F. J. Forbes in which he gave his reasons for not agreeing to the new Constitution, was read to the meeting. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr. Forbes, elucidating the points raised.

A letter from the Hon. Secretary, Natal Centre, was read.

The Natal Centre Committee protested against the following:

- (1) The Committee was given no time to ascertain the views of Natal members on the proposals.
- (2) The time for consideration of the proposals by members was quite inadequate.
- (3) The decision to deem absence of replies as agreement to the proposals.

Mr. Hirst explained to members that a letter had been sent to Natal early in the year, when Mr. Maidment was the Hon Secretary, and had evidently not been placed before the Committee for discussion.

The result of the ballot on the new Constitution and the proposed subscription of £1.10/-, was 41 ^{received} for, and 7 against.

This concluded the business for the evening.

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J. Jackson