

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday, 23rd July 1947 at 8 P.M. Mr. Hirst presided. The attendance was good.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 24th July 1946 were read. The Minutes of Special General Meetings held on the 14th May 1947, and 11th June 1947 were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement which showed a balance in hand of £38.4.1 was read by Mr. Krumm, and on the motion of Mr. Borchers, seconded by Mr. Davies, was adopted by the meeting.

Mr. Simenloff, seconded by Miss Flux, moved the adoption of the revised Constitution, which was passed unanimously.

Dr. R. O. Redman was elected an Honorary Member, proposed by Mr. Hirst and seconded by Dr. Jackson.

The following whose names had been considered and passed by the Council were on the motion of Mr. Simenloff, seconded by Mr. Krumm, elected as Members:

Mr. A. E. Russell, C. N. A., Port Elizabeth; Mr. W. J. Botha, 87 Villiers Rd, Walmer, P. Elizabeth; Mr. A. A. Sluymers, 173 Hough Rd, Walmer, P. E;

Mr. S. S. Rich, 184 Villiers Rd, Walmer, P. E. (Associate)

Mr C. G. M. McCock, P O Box 1040, P. E., Mr. R. Cowley, 40, 4th Avenue, Newton Park, P. E., (Student), proposed by J. C. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Wilmer. Mr. Sven Otto Ekblund, 5 Walton Ave,

Auckland Park, J'burg; Mrs. Lena van Blankenstein, 6, Allandene, Soper Rd, Berea, J'burg; Mr. D. J. de Klerk, 21 St. David Rd, Houghton Estate, J'burg. Proposed by Mr. Beggs, sec. Mr. Manners.

The Annual Report of the Council, read by Mr. Hirst, was adopted on the motion of Mr. Krumm, sec. by Mr. Trembath, as were the reports of the Variable Star Section, presented by Mr. Houghton, the Meteor Section presented by Mr. Versteeg, the Double Star and Orbit Computing Sections presented by Mr. Hirst.

The following officers were declared elected for the session 1947-48: President, Dr. Jackson.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Hirst, Bleksley, Forster.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Henrys. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Kneum.

Hon. Librarian: Mr. Davies.

Members of Council: Messrs. Borchards, Bentley, Finnis, Drs. Paraskewoulou, van den Bos, Dr. Woy. - on the motion of Mr. Schiess, sec. by Mr. Johnston

After the election of officers, Mr. Hirst vacated the chair, which Dr. Jackson presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Dr. Jackson called on the retiring President, Mr. W. P. Hirst, to deliver his Presidential Address.

Mr. Hirst spoke on "Armchair Astronomy", and said that no computer of double stars or comet orbits could properly appreciate his work unless he had also done some drawing as well, and that the reverse was also true.

Those present accorded the speaker a hearty vote of thanks at the end of his address.

This concluded the business for the evening.

W. P. Hirst.

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