

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday
November 13¹⁹⁵⁰ at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs Krumm (in the Chair) Cousins, Schirach, Borchards,
Russo, Johnston, Dr. Stoy, Prof. Menzies, Orben, and the Hon. Secretary.

Minutes: The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 13th September 1950
were ~~confi~~ read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes the Hon. Secretary reported that
replies to the President's letters of condolence had been received
from Mrs. Smuts and Mrs. Tonkin. Mrs. Tonkin had donated
books on astronomy to the Society, and the Hon. Secretary was
asked to write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Tonkin.

Attendance of Librarian: It was decided that the Librarian
is not *ex officio* a member of Council, but that, when possi-
-ble, he would be appointed an Alternate for a Council
member.

Finance: The Financial Statement read by Mr. Krumm
showed a balance of £91.9^s.1^d. The statement was
accepted on the motion of Mr. Schirach seconded by Mr. Borchards.
^{This was} Mr. Krumm's last Financial Statement, before handing
over the books to his successor, Mr. G. Orben.

The resignation of Mr. N. L. Blackmore was accepted.

The election was confirmed of the following Associates of
the Transvaal Centre: Mr. T. McVie, 17 Inpings Mt., Bellevue,
Johannesburg; Mr. Peter G. Brancher, Flat 43, Parktown
Mansions, Parktown, Johannesburg.

The following new Members were elected: Lieut. D. G.
Holliday, % Officers Mess, A. O. S., P. O. Langelaanweg, C. P.,
Mr. D. G. Ansell, % Nyasaland Transport Co., Ltd., Post Box
176, Blantyre; Mr. H. D. Overbeek, 39a Government Village,
Germiston, T'vaal; Mr. B. C. v. d. Vyver, P. O. Box 24, Oden-
daalsmit, O. F. S.; Rev. S. Solberg, Eschowe North, Zul-
land; Mr. W. H. Williams, 'Kenhurst', 29 Blenheim St.,
Kensington, Johannesburg.

Essay Competition: It was decided that prizes of 5, 3, and
one guinea be offered for competition among schools of the

Cape Province, Orange Free State, and Natal, and the Hon. Secretary was asked to write to the Education Departments of these Provinces giving details of the competition and suggesting some subjects for the essays, e.g., Lacaille, the 200-inch, Bloemfontein Observatory, Southern Observatories.

Bi-centenary of Lacaille: Dr. Hoy was authorised to send circulars to the Survey Society, the Royal Society, and the French Circle, suggesting an informal meeting to discuss the matter, Dr. Hoy to represent the Council at such a meeting.

The yearbook: requests were noted for the inclusion in the yearbook of the positions of the Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Cape Observatories, and for the publication of Astronomical Constants.

The following were appointed the yearbook Committee for 1950-51: Dr. Hoy, Mr. Krumm, Mr. Cousins.

Mr. Krumm read a letter received from Mr. Linton, who was authorised by the Council to start a Centre of the Society at Bloemfontein.

The meeting ended at 9.40 P.M.

A. B. Krumm
President 7.2.51

A. Henzies
Hon Secretary