

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday February 7 1951 at 8 P.M.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs Hirst and Schirach.

Present: Messrs Krumm (in the chair) Cousins, Borchards, Russo, Johnston, Orpen, Turner, Davies, Dr. Stoy, Professor Menzies, and the Hon. Secretary.

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

Mr. Cousins informed Council members of the death of Mr. Hoyer of the Natal Centre, and a former member of the Society.

The Council records with regret the death of Dr. Comrie, an Honorary Member of the Society.

On the motion of Dr. Thackeray (communicated to Dr. Stoy), seconded by Dr. Stoy, Dr. Knox-Shaw was elected an Honorary Member for past services to Astronomy and to the Society.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Orpen showed a balance at the Bank of $\pounds 1111.16^2$ 5, and was adopted on the motion of Mr. Orpen, seconded by Mr. Johnston.

Dr. Stoy reported that the Education Departments of the Provinces had been circularised with details of the Essay Competition, and it was hoped that the Cape Centre would circularise the High Schools of the Peninsula on this subject. Details of the competition would appear in the next issue of the Monthly Notes. The judges would be Professors Bok, Cilliers, and le Roux.

Mr. Cousins notified members that Miss Flux was prepared to translate some of Lacaille's writings. The Hon. Secretary was requested to write to Miss Flux to assure her that use would be made of this work.

Dr. Stoy said that the Lacaille Bi-centenary would take the form of a Cape Centre meeting in April being devoted to talks on Lacaille, his work and times, by Prof. Menzies, an astronomer, and either ^{Dr.} ~~Cape~~ Graham -

- Botha or Miss Jeffries.

The election of Mrs. P. H. ^{Elstein} ~~Elstein~~, 2, Lawrence Mansions,
Lawrence St., Port Elizabeth as an Associate of the Port Elizabeth
Centre was confirmed.

The following were elected Members of the Society:

Mr P. C. G. Goorte, A.O.S., Langebaarweg, C.P.

Mr Jacques Zurcher, P.O. Box 5, Morija, Bantoland.

Mr S. Rubin, 196 Queen St., Port Elizabeth

Mr J. H. Jones, 1 Strandview Mansions, Summerstrand,
Port Elizabeth.

Dr. Mark Isaacsohn, 3 Mindale Court, Minor St., Yeoville,
Johannesburg.

Mr A. J. von Wielligh, P.O. Box 9, Pofadder, C.P.

~~Mr W. M. Wright, P.O. Box 399, Bernista, Transvaal.~~

The meeting ended at 9.10 P.M.

R. H. Sroy
1951 April 19th

Attest
Hon Secretary