

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday July 11, 1951, at 8 P. M.

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

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 4th June 1951 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes, Dr. H. Shapley's name was to be added to the list of Honorary Members of the Society.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Orben and audited by Messrs. Schirach and Johnston, showed a balance of £129.17.6.

Mr. Orben said that of this balance, £10 was to be used for prizes for the Essay Competition; £30 for Mr. Finzen's address; Sky & Telescope, outstanding account, £29.

The meeting recorded its thanks to the Hon. Treasurer for his work in preparing the Statement, and for his work during the year.

Subscriptions: Mr. Orben reported that 27 persons owed for the current year, 7 for 2 years, and one for 3 years.

Mr. Botha's name was crossed off the roll, as he was three years in arrears with his subscription.

The Financial Statement was adopted on the motion of Mr. Orben, recorded by Dr. Hoy.

The Hon. Secretary reported that favourable replies had been received from Dr. Thackeray and Mr. Finzen: Dr. Thackeray agreed to the post of President for 1951-52, and Mr. Finzen was willing to serve on the National Committee of the I. A. U.

The draft Annual Report was considered and, after several amendments had been made, was adopted by the meeting.

As no further nominations for officers and members of Council had been received, the names nominated in the meeting for June 4, 1951, would be declared elected at the Annual Meeting to be held on June 25.

The following, whose names had appeared in the

Monthly Notes, were elected as Members.

Mr. I. R. H. Brickett, 69 Dunvegan St., Sydenham, Johannesburg.

Mr. G. C. Gray, 42 Fife Avenue, Berea, Johannesburg.

The election as Associate of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed of Mrs. S. Gray, 42, Fife Ave., Berea, Johannesburg.

The following nomination for membership had been received:

Mr. R. A. S. Musker, 33 2nd Avenue, Newton Park, Port Elizabeth, by Mr. Bentley, sec. Mr. Jones.

The meeting ended at 9.40 P. M.

H. S. Krumm
Chairman

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Hon Secretary

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