

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 13th August 1952 at 10 P.M.

Present: Dr. Evans (in the Chair) Dr. Hay, Prof. Henzies, Messrs Wahl, Borchards, Johnston, Krumm, Morrisby, Orben, and the Hon Secretary.

Mr. Schirach sent his apologies for absence.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 11th June 1952 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. Orben reported that the Annual Financial Statement for 1951-52 had been audited by Messrs Johnston and Schirach as Mr. Krumm was unable to attend. Mr. Schirach deputised for Mr. Krumm.

Owing to payments for lantern slides and Dr. Finser's address the Society was short of dollars to pay for the 'Sky & Telescope'. Mr. Orben was authorised to write to Pretoria for a further Import permit, and Dr. Hay would see some Americans in Rome and try to alleviate the position.

The following were declared elected as Members, subject to their names appearing in the 'Monthly Notes':

Mr T. S. Hansford, 5, Crown Crescent, Camps Bay.

Mr M. Broughton, C/o Cape Argus, Cape Town

Mr A. F. A. L. Jones, 40 Trafalgar St, Timaru, N. Zealand

Mr S. F. N. Weich, P. O. Box 5, Cape Town.

The Annual Report of the Transvaal Centre was read by Dr. Evans and adopted by the meeting.

The following Alternates were appointed:

Mr. Borchards for Mr. Bentley.

Mr. Schirach " Dr. Thackeray

Mr. Wahl " Mr. Venter

Mr. Cousins " Mr. Finnis

Mr. Chiat " Dr. Kirchhoff

Mr. Johnston " Dr. Finser

Mr. Krumm " Dr. Van den Bos

Dr. Evans offered to reply to a letter from the Bureau of Standards on the advisability of South Africa changing over to the Metric system of weights and measures, in the event of Britain and America adopting this system.

Dr. Hay reported the purchase of an Epidiroscope at Pretoria

for the sum of £37-10/- inclusive of railage to the Cape. The Cape Centre had offered £15 towards the cost.

The Hon. Treasurer was asked to pay £1-4/- to Mr. Morrisby for a card-index for the library.

Mr. Morrisby was given leave to dispose of a set of abridged Philosophical Transactions for whatever money these would fetch.

Mr. Morrisby said that owing to his transfer to Pretoria in September he was resigning from the post of Librarian to the Society.

The meeting ended at 11 P. M.

Attest

Hon Secretary

David S. Evans