

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday
14th April 1954 at 9.30 P.M.

Present: Dr Evans (in the Chair) Dr. Hoy, Prof. Menzies, Messrs Christ, Orben, Hirst, Johnston, Kneum, ~~Orben~~ and the Hon Secretary.

Mr. Russo on observing duty, was unable to attend.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 10th February 1954 were read and confirmed. Arising out of the Minutes, Dr. Thackeray had agreed to Mr. Russo acting as his Alternate.

No formal financial statement was presented by Mr Orben, who reported an improvement in the financial position.

The following whose names had appeared in the Monthly Notes were declared elected Members.

Mr. H.O. Harrison, 44 Pearson St., Port Elizabeth.

Mr G. Hers, 23 Central Rd., Linden Extension, J'burg

Mr W H Maskew, Public Debt Commission, Treasury, Pretoria

Mr E V Pedersen, 13 Bengough Rd, Helton, Cape

Mr P C Seligman, Union Observatory, J'burg.

Miss E M Wood, Rusanga Mission, Chisikeni Siding N. Rhodesia.

The election of the following as Associates of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed: Miss G. E. Rutherford, 12, Cromwell Court, 150 Becker St., Bellville, J'burg.

Mrs. H. M. Edmeades, 40 Menin Rd., Delville, Germiston.

The resignation of Miss G. Belben-Flus was accepted.

Dr. Evans read a letter from the ~~Transvaal~~ ^{Transvaal} Centre, which set forth the view of members of the Centre that each Centre should be empowered to appoint a member of Council.

A sub-committee consisting of Mr. Hirst, Dr. Hoy & Dr. Evans was formed to draft an amendment to the Constitution to be forwarded to the Transvaal Centre to the effect: that a member of Council be elected by each Centre, and other Council members be elected by all Society members.

A proposal to make the basic subscription a pound and add the cost to the Society of the "Sky + Telescope" was rejected.

Consideration of further proposals ^{was} postponed to the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.45 P.M.

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Hon Secretary
David S. Evans