

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Annual General Meeting

The annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 21st July 1954 at 8 P.M.

Dr Evans presided. About 25 people were present.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd July 1953 were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement read by Mr Osben showed a balance of £40.16.4. The statement was adopted on the motion of Mr Pimentoff seconded by Mr Trenchard.

The President announced the ^{result} of the ballot for Officers and Council for 1954-55 as follows:

President: Dr P. Kirchhoff (unopposed)

Vice-Presidents: Drs. Evans and Thackeray, Mr. Venter.

Members of Council: Prof. G. S. Gillie, Mr. W. P. Hirst, Dr. R. H. Stoy, Dr. W. H. van den Bos.

The draft annual Report of Council was read by the Hon Secretary and after being amended, adopted by the meeting.

Dr. Evans read the Meteor Section Report, presented by Mr S. C. Venter.

The Port Elizabeth Centre Annual Report was read by Dr. Evans. The telescope of the Centre had been in regular use during the year to show visitors the planets and stars.

Dr. Evans in his Presidential Address analysed the times taken to begin a night's viewing on telescopes of varying ^{aperture} aperture and ^{size} size. The relation was given in the form of a ^{simple} simple formula. ^{Graphs} Graphs showing the effect of cloud of varying amounts on the viewing output were shown on the screen.

After discussion in which Dr. Stoy, Dr. Cousins, Messrs Kuhn, Trenchard, and Tillott, took part, the meeting accorded Dr Evans a hearty vote of thanks for his interesting address, those present showing their appreciation in the usual manner.

The meeting ended at 9.40 P.M.

Attest: Hon Secretary

R. H. Stoy

27 August 1955.