

## Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 1954 August 25 at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr Evans (in the chair) Drs Stoy and Cousins, Messrs Chiat, Hint, Russo, Borchards, Johnston and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Prof. Cillie and Mr. Orben.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1954 and adjourned to June 16 1954 were read and confirmed.

Finance: In the absence through illness of the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary reported a balance of £82.10/-.

New Members: The following whose names had appeared in the Monthly Votes were declared elected Members:

Mr. G. H. Brown, c/o "Ridmas", Piers Road, Borrowdale, Salisbury,  
S. Rhodesia

Mr G. H. Cloete, P.O. Box 50, Marquard, Orange Free State.

Miss A. Deacon, "Passat", Finchley Road, Bakoven, Cape.

Mr. H. Deacon, "Passat", Finchley Road, Bakoven, Cape.

Miss R. J. Downes, 43 Northwood Drive, Saxonwold, Johannesburg.

Mr C. C. Dyke, 35 Somerset Street, Nigel, Transvaal.

Mr D. B. Moss, 378 - 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Capital Park, Pretoria.

Mr H P N Pretorius, 102 Charlbury, 238 Scheiding Street, Pretoria.

Mr G. A. vander Merwe, 67 Sophia Street, Roseville, Pretoria.

Mr. G. H. vander Merwe, 368 - 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Villiers, Pretoria.

Mr. W. Dekker, Brook House, Wisteria Road, Claremont, Cape.

Mr. W. S. Greyling, P.O. Bergvlei, Johannesburg.

Mrs. W. St. J. Jones, 72 Worcester Rd, Parkwood, Johannesburg

Mr G. Lavarano, 108 Fairmount, 9 Hospital St., Johannesburg

Mr D C Mitchell, 67 Kilkenny Rd, Parkview, Johannesburg

Mr. R. Smit, 495 Prinsloo St, Pretoria

Mr. E. van der Westhuizen, 88 Vermoeten St, Bethal, Transvaal.

Dr. H. van Jaarsveldt, Menerville, Cape Province.

The election of Mr. M. P. White, Noorder Paarl Roller Mills, Paarl, C.P., as a Student Member, Cape Centre, and of Mr. G. A. Eley, 67 Kilkenny Rd, Parkview, Johannesburg and Miss A. F. Harris, Mountbatten Hotel, 44 Soper Rd,

Berea, Johannesburg as Associates of the Transvaal Centre, were confirmed.

The following nominations for membership had been received:  
Mr. S. J. Benade, P.O. Box 14, Weilersdrift, C.P.

bro. Prof. Cillie, sec. Dr. Evans.

Mr. H. Pahl, P.O. Box 91, Luderitz, S.W.A.,

bro. Dr. Skoberts, sec. Mr. v. der Kley.

M<sup>r</sup> <sup>de</sup> <sup>Waele</sup> <sup>Jacques</sup>, B.P. 1513, Elizabethville, Belgian Congo.

bro. Dr. Evans, sec. Mr. Henjies.

Mr. J. F. de Beer, 568 - 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gezina, Pretoria.

bro. Mr. Yenter, sec. Mr. Jooste.

Mr. R. J. Boltman, 40 Rissik Mansions, Rissik St.,

Johannesburg. bro. Mr. Brickett, sec. Mr. Lagerweij.

Mr. L. A. S. du Plessis, 11 Saager St, Witboortje, P.O.

<sup>Roodhooft</sup> ~~Kelders~~ <sup>Coort</sup>, T'raal. Pro. Mr. Lagerweij, sec. Mr. Brickett.

Mr. J. A. Brouwer, Union Observator, Johannesburg, was elected a full Member, being a former Associate member of the Transvaal Centre.

A letter from Mr. C. B. Archer, Secretary-Treasurer of the newly-formed Bulawayo Astronomical Society was read by Dr. Evans to the meeting.

It was agreed to send the Bulawayo Society a copy of the monthly Notes and "Sky + Telescope" each month.

Dr. Evans read a letter received from Dr. Kirchhoff by the Hon Secretary. Dr. Kirchhoff suggested that he be made a Life Member of the Society for his proposed work on the design of the Society's Medal. This was agreed to, the Hon Secretary being instructed to thank Dr. Kirchhoff for his very generous offer.

Appointment of Alternates. Subject to the consent of the Council members concerned, the following Alternates were appointed:

Mr. Ait for Dr. Kirchhoff

Mr. Russ for Dr. Thackeray

Mr. Borchards for Dr. Gillie

Mr. Knemon for Dr. Van den Bos

~~Dr.~~ Cousins for Mr. Ventis.

Mr. Hirst informed the Council that Dr. G. Jackson had donated £5 to the Society. The Hon. Secretary was asked to convey the thanks and appreciation of Council to Dr. Jackson for his generous gift.

Subject to Dr. Jackson's consent, the money would be used as the first contribution towards the proposed Society's Medal Fund, to defray the cost of the establishment of a Society Medal for meritorious work in Astronomy.

It was decided to hold an Essay Competition for scholars and student-members, and Drs. Stoy and Evans were deputed to draft the rules.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to <sup>write to</sup> ~~invite~~ members of Council for suggestions as to the contents of the Handbook for 1955.

The meeting ended at 9.30 P.M.

Attest Hon. Secretary

R. H. Stoy

27. Oct. 1954.