

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Friday 25th February 1955 at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr Evans (in the Chair) Drs. Stoy and Cousins, Messrs Chriet, Orben, Turner and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs Borchers, Hirst and Krumm.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 15th December 1954 were read and, after amendment, confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Duncan to act as Alternate for Mr. Lagerweij.

The Financial Statement read by Mr Orben showed a credit balance of £76.19.0, which included £27.10/- from the Gill Medal Fund.

Dr. Evans reported that Dr. Kirchhoff was starting work on the Medal immediately, and expected to complete it by mid-March.

Dr. Cousins moved, seconded by Dr. Stoy, that subscriptions remain unaltered for 1955-56, as it was decided that the Society could afford the extra cost of 'Sky & Telescope' for that period. Carried unanimously.

The following were elected Members:

Mr. E. H. Fitz, P.O. Box 82, East London.

Mr. P. A. Geldenhuys, P.O. Box 254, Kimberley.

Mr. R. Quarmby, ^{near} ~~Kearney~~ _(Kearney) College, Botha's Hill, Natal.

The following nominations were received:

Mr. M. Hilson, P.O. Box 2750, Johannesburg

Dr. P. D. R. van Heerden, P.O. Box 344, Rustenburg, Transvaal.

Mr. C. C. Campbell, P.O. Box 997, Bloemfontein.

Mr. S. J. Verweil, P.O. Box 624, P. Maritzburg.

The election of Mrs. M. E. Rock, 15 5th Avenue, Lambton, Germiston as an Associate, ~~was~~ Transvaal Centre, was confirmed.

Mr. Chriet was appointed an Assessor for the Essay Competition.

It was decided to send notices of the Essay Competition

to the Press and to individual schools.

A Committee was elected consisting of Dr. Evans, Dr. Cousins, messrs. Hirst and Chiat to consider the formation of rules governing the awarding of the Hill Medal.

A Council meeting was to be held in mid-April. The meeting ended at 9.10 P.M.

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David S. Evans