

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 8th June 1955 at 10 P.M.

Present: Dr Evans (in the Chair) Dr. Stoy, Messrs Duncan, Chiat, Turner, Russo, Johnston, Krumm, Orben and the Hon Secretary.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Borderds, who was unable to attend owing to illness.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 18th April 1955 were read and after amendment, confirmed.

Dr. Evans read letters received from Dr. Kirchhoff and the Mint on the Gill Medal. The Mint's quotation of £50 for the dies and £11.15/- each for sterling Silver medals was accepted. It was agreed that three medals be ordered.

Mr Orben reported that the Gill Medal Fund had a balance of £32.

It was decided that the new Council to be elected in July should discuss the numbers of "Sky + Telescope" required by the Society, and the position with regard to the Natal Centre.

In addition to Mr. Chiat, Prof. le Roux and Dr. Evans were elected to judge the essays received in the Essay Competition.

Mr. Chiat reported that thirteen essays had been received.

Dr. Stoy reported that the Epi-diastroscope had been damaged and needs an overhaul. Mr Johnston was asked to bring this to the notice of the Cape Centre committee with a recommendation that part of the Centre's funds be used to overhaul the instrument.

Dr. Stoy said that rules governing the borrowing of the lantern and slides were needed, and should be promulgated by the incoming Council.

It was agreed that the Johannesburg ~~computing~~ Centre's Computing Section should produce the material for the 1956 Handbook. It was proposed by Dr. Stoy, seconded by the Hon. Secretary, that a Calendar of the Society's

events be included in the 1956 Handbook.

The following nominations for the Council for 1955-56 were received:

President: Dr. ~~W.~~ W. H. van den Bos

Proposed by Dr. Stoy, sec. Mr. Duncan.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. P. Kirchhoff, pro. Mr. Chiat, sec. Mr. Orben,
Mr. S. C. Venter, pro. Mr. Turner, sec. Dr. Stoy.

Dr. R. H. Stoy, pro. Mr. Krumm, sec. Dr. Evans.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. Menzies, pro. Dr. Evans, sec. Mr. Krumm.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. Orben, pro. Dr. Evans, sec. Mr. Krumm.

Members of Council, found from the following, to be elected
by Ballot: Dr. M. Feast, pro. Dr. Evans, sec. Mr. Krumm.

Prof. ~~D.~~ G. G. Gillie, pro. Dr. Evans, sec. Mr. Krumm.

Dr. D. S. Evans, pro. Mr. Johnston, sec. Mr. Russo.

Mr. W. P. Idist, pro. Dr. Stoy, sec. Mr. Johnston.

Prof. G. H. Menzies, pro. Dr. Stoy, sec. Mr. Duncan.

Dr. W. S. Finzen, pro. Mr. Krumm, sec. Mr. Russo.

Dr. A. D. Thackeray, pro. Mr. Chiat, sec. Mr. Russo.

Messrs Russo and Johnston were appointed scruti-
ners for the ballot for members of Council.

The Annual General Meeting was to be held on Wed-
nesday July 27.

~~The~~ Messrs Duncan and Johnston were appointed
Auditors for 1954-55.

The following whose names have appeared in the Monthly
Notes were elected Members:

Mr H. James, 54 White St, Parkdene, Botolphsburg

Dr. D. P. Marais, "Valdivia", Ripelby Rd, Kenilworth, Cape.

Mr K. S. Mills, 9 Begonia Rd, Primrose Hill, Germiston

Mr C. N. Williams, 308 Persimmon St, Malvern, Johannesburg

Mrs P. Perry, 49 Tunstun St, Proclamation Hill, Pretoria

Mr G. Toyk, P.O. Box 586, East London

The election as a Student Member, ^{of the Cape Centre} was confirmed of

Mr. Peter Sand, Cranford, Sandhurst Rd, St. James

The following nominations had been received:

Mr. E. Marx, P.O. Box 2603, Roads Dept, Cape Town

Mr. R. S. Tuffin, 29 Eden Rd, Bramley, Johannesburg.

Mr G. M. Taylor, c/o Dept of Land Surveying, University of Cape Town.

The meeting ended at 11 P.M.

A. Mearns Hon Secretary

R. H. Gray

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