

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Friday, 15th July, 1955 at 8 p.m.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the chair), Messrs. Borchards, Chiod, Duncan, Johnston, Krumm, Orpen, ^{Russo} ^{Turnes} & Dr. Cousins (actg. Hon. Secretary)

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on 8th June 1955 were taken as read and confirmed.

The Report of the Council for the Session 1954-55 prepared by the Hon. Secretary was adopted for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Orpen showed a credit balance of £28.1.6 in addition to £22.17.0 advanced towards the cost of the Gill Medal. On the motion of Mr. Chiod, seconded by Mr. Krumm, the Financial Statement was adopted.

The acting Hon. Secretary read the reports received from the Meteor, Planetary, Nova Search and Variable Star Observing Sections and was asked to convey the Council's congratulations to Messrs. Brickett & Morrisley on their reports.

Mr. Chiod presented a report and read a letter from Prof. Le Rouse on the award of prizes in the Essay Competition. After discussion it was proposed by Dr. Stoy, seconded by Mr. Krumm, ^{and agreed} that the first prize should be awarded to D. Douglas Hamilton and that the second and third prizes should be equally divided between G. H. van Rooyen and J. Roos. It was decided to invite the two winners resident locally to the Annual General Meeting to receive their prizes.

The Scrutineers (Messrs Johnston & Russo) ^{who had been assisted by Mr. Borchards & Cousins} presented the result of the Ballot for Members of Council for the 1955-56 Session. 52 papers were received, of which 12 were spoilt. The successful candidates: Prof. Ellis, Dr. Evans, Prof. Menzies and

Dr. Thackray, were declared duly elected.

Mr. Duncan read a letter from Mr. Lagerweij through whom Dr. van den Bos expressed his appreciation and willingness (with some reluctance) to accept the Presidency.

The following, whose names had already appeared in the Monthly Notes, were elected Members of the Society:

Mr. E. Marse, P.O. Box 2603, Cape Town.

Mr. P. M. Taylor, % Dept. of Land Surveying, University of Cape Town

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

Annual General Meeting: It was agreed that Mr. Duncan would read the Presidential Address on behalf of Dr. Krichhoff and that Mr. Krumm would present the Reports of the Observing Sections.

Monthly Notes: It was agreed to offer 7/6 per page, with all material supplied, for typing and duplicating ⁴²⁵~~450~~ copies of the Monthly Notes.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

A. W. Cousins (for Hon. Secretary)

P. H. Stoy.
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