

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 18 January, 1956 at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the Chair) Drs Evans and Cousins, Prof. Menzies, Messrs Hirst, Orpen, Krumm, Turner, Russel, Borchards, Johnston, Duncan and the Hon. Secretary.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Chiat.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 26th October 1955 were read and confirmed.

Dr. Cousins reported that the Lantern sub-committee had not met owing to the holidays, and had nothing to report.

Mr. Orpen read the Financial Statement which showed a credit balance of £64.

The Hon Treasurer was asked to submit a revised figure for the annual subscription at the next Council meeting.

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

Mr G. Faulkner 20 First Avenue, Marsburg North, T'road.

Mr M Greenberg 159 Balmoral Avenue, Arcadia, Pretoria

Mr J. Holmes, C/o City Engineer's Dept., P. Elizabeth

Mr. G.E.L. Willis, P.O. Box 19, Umvukwes, S. Rhodesia

The following was elected a Member subject to the name appearing in the Monthly Notes:

Mrs. M. Little, P.O. Box 8726, Johannesburg

It was decided to ^{consider} changing the format of the Monthly Notes from 1957. A sub-committee was formed consisting of Dr. Evans (Chairman) Dr. Stoy, Messrs Hirst and Orpen, to discuss frequency of publication, advertisements, price etc of the Monthly Notes, and to report to the Council in two months time.

It was decided to ^{consider} changing the form of working for "Sky and Telescope".

A letter received by the Hon Secretary from the Natal Telescope-making Association asking for Affiliation terms was read to the meeting.

Dr. Evans and the Hon Secretary were asked to report

a letter in reply, a copy to be sent to Mr. Bevis.

Mr. Orben reported a sum of £17 outstanding on the Gill Medal.

Members of Council were reminded of the following rule for the awarding of the Gill Medal:

"In each year before the end of the first week in April, members of Council shall send to the Secretary of the Society a note of a name or names of suitable persons to receive the Medal, together with a description of the services to astronomy which it is proposed to recognise, and a note of any further reasons in favour of any particular candidate."

The meeting ended at 21^h 22^m.

A. Menzies

R. H. Stoy
14.3.56.
Hon Secretary