

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday
14th March 1956 at 9.30 P.M.

Present: Dr Stoy (in the Chair) Drs. Evans + Cousins, Prof. Menzies,
Messrs Johnston, Hirst, Borchards, Chiat, Krumm, Russo, Orben,
Duncan, and the Hon Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 18th January 1956 were
read and confirmed after amendment.

Finance: The Financial Statement read by Mr Orben
showed a balance at 14th March of £165.

Mr. Krumm read a letter from Sky + Telescope giving notice
of an increase in price as from January 1957. A further in-
crease will be made in January 1958, and a final increase
in January 1959.

Dr. Cousins read a letter from Mr. Ventel who says that
Sky + Telescope had become a necessity to members.

Mr. Duncan read a letter from Mr Lagerwerdt who agreed
to the Notes being published every 2 months.

Dr. Evans reported that the sub-committee to consider
changes in the Monthly Notes had met once, but had no
thing to report, as no agreement had been reached on
changes to be made.

The sub-committee was asked to report to Council in
April on the above question and on the raising of sub-
scriptions.

It was agreed to ask for Government ^{grant to} help towards the cost of ~~publishing~~ ^{the} Monthly Notes.

An application for membership by Mr Forster was held
over to the next meeting.

A letter from the Cobham Hill Astronomical Society
was read by the Hon. Secretary. Three nomination forms
were asked for, (1) for Institutional Membership,
(2) for the President + Vice-President of the Cobham Hill
Society.

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

Mr E. Neale Down, 29 Gordon Rd., East London

Mr J. A. Hall P.O. Box 586 Bloemfontein

Mr M. Lifshitz, 10 Carnarvon Place Durban North, Natal

Mr P. J. Roets 24 5th Avenue Bellville, Cape

Mr P. W. Sand "Cranford" Sandhurst Rd. St James, Cape.

The election of Mr C. W. Cuyler, 250 Stubbenshoek Rd., Lynwood, Pretoria as an Associate of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed.

The following, subject to their names being published in the Monthly Notes, were elected Members:

Mr C. W. ~~Hemington~~ Hemingway, 3 4th St. Extension, Kew Extension, N^o. Johannesburg, (P.O. Box Lyndhurst)

Mr D. H. Smith, 8 Eugene Marais St., Roosevelt Park, Johannesburg.

Mr. J. Soellaart, Visagiecourt 31, Visagie St. 379, Pretoria

Mr C. G. F. Celliers, Edmont House P. Hotel, 541 Vermeulen St., Pretoria

Miss B. Ring, Mweya, Usunumbura, Unundi, Congo Belge.

Mr C. Mollink, P.O. Box 1206, Pretoria

Mr R. Smith, Shirley Lodge, Berea, Johannesburg.

Mr P. R. Thom, 73 Geldenhuys Rd., Malvern East

Johannesburg. [Mr J. C. Choate, 450 S. Serrano Ave., Los Angeles]
 elected a Student Member.

The Council would meet again in April.

The meeting ended at 10.40 P.M.

R. H. Gray
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Hon. Secretary