

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday
23rd July, 1956 at 8 P.M.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Stoy and Evans, Messrs
Duncan, Turner, + Russo.

Present: Dr. Van den Bos (in the Chair) Prof. Menzies, Dr. Cousins,
Messrs Krumm, Orben, Johnston, Borchards and the Hon. Secretary.

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

The Financial Statement read by Mr Orben showed a credit
balance of £52. Mr. Orben said that an account of £17 for enve-
-lopes for the Monthly Notes and a quarter's ~~return~~ cost of pro-
-duction of the 'Notes' had still to be met.

The Gill Medal fund was in debt to the Society for £17.7/-.

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

Mr. Arnold Mills, P.O. Box 652 Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia

Dr. G. D. Strachan, Mafeteng, Bechuanaland.

Mr. P. Jacobs, 36 Saratoga Avenue, Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

The election as Associates of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed
of Mr. F. Gut, 10 Princes Court, Bellevue Johannesburg and
of Mr. J. Holpert, 18 10th Avenue, Highlands North, Johannesburg.

A letter received from Mr. Otters, President of the Natal
Society of Amateur Astronomers was read by the Hon. Secretary. At
a recent meeting of this Society, it was decided that more could
be achieved and greater benefits obtained if the Natal society
was dissolved and the members joined the Astronomical Society
of South Africa.

The reply of the Hon. Secretary was read to the meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. Orben, seconded by Mr Borchards
that the Natal Centre members be admitted without the pay-
-ment of an Entrance Fee. This was agreed to.

The result of the ballot on changes of the Constitution,
two guineas subscription and one guinea Entrance Fee, was that
all the above was agreed to, the votes cast being as
follows:

Changes in Article I : 51 for, 12 against.

" II : 60 " , 3 "

" III : 61 " , 2 "

" IV : 60 " , 3 "

" V : 62 " , 0 "

" VI : 61 " , 2 "

" VII : 59 " , 4 "

" VIII : 62 " , 1 "

Articles XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, + XIX,
63 for, 0 against.

Increased subscription: 62 for, 2 against.

Entrance fee : 56 " , 8 "

It was proposed by Dr. Corvius, seconded by Mr. Oshen that the new subscriptions and entrance fee be payable from 1st July 1956. This was agreed to.

The draft Annual Report was read by the Hon. Secretary.

The results of the Essay Competition was: 1st Prize to Mr. Pratt, 2 consolation prizes of one guinea each to: Robinson and Kuyman.

The meeting ended at 9.20 P.M.

A. Menzies

R. H. Stoy
27.8.56.

Hon Secretary