

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Tuesday 29th January 1957 at 8.00p.m.

Present: Dr. Stoy in the chair, Dr. Evans, Dr. Cousins, Professor Menzies, Messrs Krumm, Johnston, Borchers, Linton, Duncan, Orpen and the Hon. Secretary. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Hirst, Turner and Russo.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 29th October 1956 were read and confirmed after a correction to the name of Mr. P. Angus-Leppan.

Arising out of the Minutes the Hon. Secretary reported the receipt from Durban of a list of the office-bearers of the Natal Centre.

Dr. Cousins had been asked by the Natal Centre to act for that Centre as their representative on the Council. It was decided however to ask Mr. C.D. Thompson, of Cepia, Hampton Avenue, Newlands to act as the Alternate to the Council representative to be appointed by Natal. Dr. Cousins was asked to make it clear to the Natal Centre that their representative on Council should be one of their own members and their alternate a person not otherwise entitled to a seat on Council.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Orpen was as follows:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 29th JANUARY 1957.

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	£   s.   d.	<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	£   s.   d.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope for period April 1956 to December 1956	148. 18. 1.	Credit Balance 1:7:1956	52. 13. 1.
Cost of production of Monthly Notes period June 1956 to November 1956	69. 8. 6.	<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Collating, wrapping & despatch of Monthly Notes and "Sky & Telescope" as above.	9. 0. 0.	Arrears	28. 10. 0.
Postage on "Monthly Notes" and "Sky & Telescope"	20. 17. 6.	Current	424. 10. 6.
Cost of production and despatch of Handbook, 1957, and postage.	44. 1. 6.	Advance	<u>9. 6. 0.</u>
Essay Competitions prizes	7. 7. 0.		462. 6. 6.
Postage and stationery other than as above	8. 0. 0.	Entrance Fees	11. 11. 0.
Cost of three "Gill Medals" and photography	6. 12. 0.	Donations	2. 6. 0.
Bank charges	3. 10. 10.	Sale of back nos. of "Sky & Telescope"	1. 7. 0.
Credit Balance 29:1:1957	217. 16. 8.	Sale of "Monthly Notes"	- . 16. 0.
	<u>£535. 12. 1.</u>	Sale of copy of "Universal Sundial"	- . 2. 6.
		Contributions to the Gill Medal Fund.	3. 3. 0.
		Commission on cheques.	1. 7. 0.
			<u>£535. 12. 1.</u>

Note: As the debit balance in the Gill Medal Fund at this date is £14. 14. 0. which is borne by the Society the credit balance in the Society's a/c should be £232. 10. 8.

GARRETT ORPEN  
Hon. Treasurer.

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

Mr. I. I. Dawson, 2 Institute Rd. Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

Mr. M. Gore, 4 Cleatmore Court, 69 St. George's St. Bellevue, Johannesburg.

Freeman, 61 Kinfans St., Sydenham, Johannesburg.

Mrs. E. Klarer, 15 Argyll House, Princess Place, Parktown, Johannesburg.

Mr. B. Robbers, Packwood-Tower 4, Lambton, Germiston.

The following were elected Members subject to their names appearing in the Monthly Notes and no objection being received within a month:

Mr. N. M. Hoogenhout, 46 Lawley Street, Waterkloof, Pretoria.

Mr. C. F. Wickes, P.O. Ntumeni, Zululand.

Mrs. C. S. Davison, P.O. Box 146 Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Dr. Evans reported that it had not been possible to obtain suitable wide-angle binoculars or telescopes for equipping a station for visual observation of the artificial satellites to be launched during the International Geophysical Year. He was directed to write again to the CSIR concerning the provision of equipment.

The Hon. Secretary reported the arrival in Cape Town of the telescope used by Mr. Peter Smits. This 4-inch instrument is available to any member who could put it to good use.

The Hon. Secretary reported the receipt of the Minutes of a meeting of the Natal Centre held at Durban on 28th November 1956.

It was decided to ask the Transvaal Centre to suggest a possible Director of the Nova Search Section in place of Mr. Morrisby.

Mr Linton agreed to act as Assistant Treasurer to 1st. April 1957, and as Acting Treasurer until the end of June 1957.

Various questions relating to MNASSA were discussed.

P. H. Gray  
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A. Menzies

HON. SECRETARY