

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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

Present: Dr. Cousins (in the chair), Professor Menzies, Messrs Borchers, Johnston and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Hirst, Krumm and Duncan who could not attend through illness and from Dr. Stoy.

A quorum was not present, but it was decided to continue the meeting, the proceedings to be ratified at a later meeting.

A statement of the financial position to 31st March 1957 prepared by Mr. Orpen was read by the Hon. Secretary and was as follows:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR PERIOD 1/7/1956 to 31/3/1957.

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope for period April 1956 to March 1957	209. 8. 0.	Credit Balance 1/7/1956	52.13. 1.
Cost of production of M.N.A.S.S.A. for period June 1956 to February 1957.	128.12. 6.	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Collating, wrapping and despatch of "Sky & Telescope" and M.N.A.S.S.A. June 1956 to February 1957.	13. 0. 0.	Arrears	33. 0. 0.
Postage on "Sky & Telescope" & M.N.A.S.S.A. as above.	29.17. 6.	Current	459.12. 0.
Cost of production and despatch of Handbook, 1957 and postage thereon	44. 1. 6.	Advance	11. 8. 0.
Essay Competition prizes	7. 7. 0.		504. 0. 0.
Postage and stationery other than as above	13.15. 4.	Entrance Fees	14.14. 0.
Cost of three "Gill Medals" and photography therefore	6.12. 0.	Donations	2. 6. 0.
Bank charges	4. 5. 3.	Sale of back nos. of "Sky & Telescope".	1.19. 6.
Credit Balance 31/3/1957	137. 9. 0.	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	7. 6. 0.
		Sale of copy of "Universal Sundial"	- 2. 6.
		Sale of Handbooks	- 18. 0.
		Contributions to the Gill Medal Fund	8.18. 0.
		Commission on Cheques	1.11. 0.
	<u>£594. 8. 1.</u>		<u>£594. 8. 1.</u>

NOTE: As the above figures include the debit balance in the "Gill Medal" Fund, which at present is £8. 9. 0., the actual balance in the account of the Astronomical Society should read £602.17. 1.

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

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

Mr. A.W. Weinbaum, 1 Reading Court, Willie St., Hillbrow, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Mr. C. Pikoos, 31 Pearse St., Doornfontein, Transvaal.

Dr. Friedman, 27 Montrose Avenue, Highlands North Extn. Johannesburg, Tvl.

Mr. W.A. Bryant, 9 Westmeath Rd., Parkview, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Mrs. B. Alexander, 2 Rose Rd., Houghton, Johannesburg, Tvl.

The election as an Associate of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed of Mr. R.C. Burt, 19 Villa Les Freres, 16 Soper Rd., Berea, Johannesburg, Tvl., and of Mr. A.T. Stacey, "Geanne Villa", Protea Rd., Newlands, Cape, as an Associate, Cape Centre.

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

Mr. P. Haupt, P.O. Box 1, Colesberg, C.P.

Mr. A. Kayle, 59, 10th Avenue, Orange Grove, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Mr. C.R. Pearse, 27, 10th Avenue, Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

Mr. K.W. Simpson, 100, Victoria St., Dundee, Natal.

Dr. P.A. Wayman, Radcliffe Observatory, P.O. Box 373, Pretoria, Tvl.

Dr. Stoy and Cousins were nominated to draft the Citation for the recipient of the Gill Medal.

Names of volunteers for the Moonwatch programme were received from Prof. Menzies and Mr Flett.

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

R. H. Stoy
24.6.57.

A. Menzies.
Hon. Secretary.