Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 30 September 1957 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the chair) Drs. Evans and Cousins, Professor Le Roux, Messrs Johnston, Duncan, Krumm, and the Hon. Secretary. & Hon. Treasurer

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs Russo and Hirst.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 24th June 1957 were read and confirmed.

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

## Statement of Financial Position at 30th September 1957.

| Expenditure. | £ s. d. | Receipts. | £ s. d. |
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| Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to June 1957 | 60.18. 0. | Credit balance 1/7/1957 | 128.13. 9. |
| Cost of production of M.N.A.S.S.A. for July and August 1957 | 29. 5. 0. | Subscriptions<br>Arrears 4. 4. 0.<br>Current 112. 2. 0.<br>Advance -. -. -. | |
| Collating, wrapping and despatch of M.N.A.S.S.A. and "Sky and Telescope" July and August 1957 | 3. 0. 0. | | 116. 6. 0. |
| | | Entrance Fees | 4. 4. 0. |
| Postage on above | 8.10. 0. | Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope" | 1. 1. 0. |
| Stationery | 0. 2. 9. | Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A. | 0.19. 6. |
| Postage other than as above | 1.10. 0. | Sale of Handbooks | 0. 7. 0. |
| Essay competition prizes | 7. 7. 0. | Sale of copies of "Universal Sundial" | 0. 7. 6. |
| Credit balance 30/9/1957 | 142.10. 3. | Contribution to the Gill Medal Fund | 0.18. 0. |
| | | Exchange on cheques | 0. 6. 3. |
| | £253. 3. 0. | | £253. 3. 0. |

NOTE: The balance shown should be increased by an amount of £7.11. 0., being the balance (debit) in the Gill Medal Fund. The actual balance in the account of the Astronomical Society should thus be £150. 1. 3.

Garrett Orpen

Hon. Treasurer.

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

Miss C. de Lange, 46 Struben St. Pretoria.

Mr. A. Molteno, Rowan House, Rowan Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape.

Prof. H. Haffner, P.O. Box 334, Bloemfontein.

Dr. J.O. Pearson, "Spindleberries," Brommersvlei Rd, Constantia, Cape.

Mr. F.P. Sampson, 177 Boulder Avenue, P.O. Berario, Northcliff, Johannesburg.

Miss I. Schumann, 172 Main Road, Pinetown, Natal.

*Miss M.W. Hawkridge, 28 Bright St., Somerset West) Student Member*

Miss C.C. van Ellinckhuizen, Diocesan College, Rondebosch, Cape.

Mr. P.J. van Vuuren, Hotel Cecil, Newlands, Cape.

The following was elected a Member subject to his name appearing in the Monthly Notes and no objection being received within a month:

Mr. J. Davis, 16 Regent Hotel, Soper Rd., Berea, Johannesburg.

The election as Associates of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed of the following:

Mr. R.W.B. Hobden, 80 Armadale St., Sydenham, Johannesburg.

Mr. A. Dambe, 41 Bramley St., Bailey's Muckleneuk, Pretoria.

Miss M.C. de Lange, 46 Struben St., Pretoria.

The Hon. Secretary reported that Mr. J.H. Botham had been appointed Council Representative for the Transvaal Centre, and Mr. R.J. Johnston for the Cape Centre.

Mr. Ottens was appointed Council Representative for Natal by the Council.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to write to Port Elizabeth to enquire who had been appointed to represent that Centre on the Council.

It was decided to suspend action on arrear subscription until next Council meeting.

The Essay Competition was to be continued.

Authority was given the Editors to order two sizes of envelopes for the Monthly Notes and Sky and Telescope.

It was decided to print the number of the issue of Monthly Notes on the ~~back~~ *front* cover.

The Council wished its thanks to Messrs Linton and Russo for the work done in their capacities as acting Treasurer and Secretary respectively, to be minuted.

Dr. Evans reported on progress made with preparations for the Moonwatch programme at Pretoria, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and Cape Town.

Dr. Evans said that no optical components for the telescopes had been received, but that these were due to arrive at Pretoria at the end of September.

The following alternates were appointed:

            Mr. Krumm    for  Dr. Feast
            Mr. Hirst    for  Mr. Venter
            Mr. Russo    for  Mr. Lagerweij
            Dr. Cousins. for  Mr. Bester
            Mr. Duncan   for  Pro. le Roux
            Mr. Linton   for  Mr. Botham

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m..


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                                    Hon. Secretary.

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