

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 2 December 1957 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Evans (in the chair) Dr. Cousins, Messrs Orpen, Johnston, Krumm, Russo and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Stoy, Mr. Hirst, and Mr. Duncan, who was ill in hospital.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on 30 September 1957 were read, and confirmed after amendment.

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

Statement of Financial Position at 2nd. December 1957.

<u>Expenditure.</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Receipts.</u>	£ s. d.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope for period April to Sept. 1957	120.17. 0.	Credit balance, 1/7/1957	128.13. 9.
Cost of production of M.N.A.S.S.A. for period July to November 1957	68. 3. 0.	<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Collating, wrapping & despatch of M.N.A.S.S.A. and "Sky & Telescope", July to November 1957	8.10. 0.	Arrears. 7.10. 0.	
Postage on above	20.10. 0.	Current. 386.13. 0.	
Stationery	-.12. 9.	Advance. 4. 4. 0.	398. 7. 0.
Postage other than as above	2.10. 0.	Entrance Fees	12.12. 0.
Essay Competition prizes	7. 7. 0.	Sale of back & extra numbers of "Sky & Telescope"	1. 1. 0.
Credit balance 30/11/1957	320.16. 0.	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	5.10. 6.
		Sale of Handbooks	-. 9. 0.
		Sale of copies of "Universal Sundial"	-.10. 0.
		Contribution to the Gill Medal Fund.	-.18. 0.
		Exchange on cheques	1. 4. 6.
	<u>£549. 5. 9.</u>		<u>£549. 5. 9.</u>

NOTE: The balance shown should be increased by an amount of £7. 11. 0. being the debit balance in the Gill Medal Fund.

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

It was decided to obtain details of past expenditure on Addressograph plates from Dr. Stoy, so that the Hon. Treasurer could pay for the plates out of available funds.

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

Mr. J.S.C. Entress, 1 Ascona Court, Gray Rd., Plumstead.

Mr. R. Lake, 23 Garrick Rd., Woodstock, Cape.

Dr. J.M.L. Joubert, P.O. Box 20, Klipplaat, C.P.

Mr. A. Johnston, 19, 7th Avenue, Edenvale, Transvaal.

Mr. L. Berlin, 6 "Cathay View", Devonshire Hill Rd., Rondebosch, Cape.

Mr. P.J. Booyesen, 370 van Heerden St, Capital Park, Pretoria.

Mr. R. Bouch, Flat 31, Wonderboom Village, P.O. Ficus, Pretoria.

Mr. R.F. Eskell, P.O. Box 637, Cape Town.

Mr. F. Ingleson, 54 Wonderboom Village, P.O. Ficus, Pretoria.

Mr. J.H. Greenwood, 4 Umzinto Rd., Glen Harmony, O.F.S.

Mr. J.R. Thomson, 87 Second St, Linden, Johannesburg, Tvl.

The election as ~~Associate~~ member of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed of Mr. N.T. van der Walt, 83 Eighth St., Orange Grove, Johannesburg.

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

Mr. R.V. Willstrop, Royal Observatory, Observatory, Cape.

Bloemhof Girls' High School, Stellenbosch.

Mr. E.L. Holmes, 5 Marion Court, 48/52 Innes Rd., Durban.

Mr. W.J. Gray, 83 Beaumont Rd., Fynmland, Durban.

In response to a request from the South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, the following members were nominated to serve on the national committee of the International Astronomical Union:

Dr. D.S. Evans, Royal Observatory, Cape.

Dr. M.W. Feast, Radcliffe Observatory, Pretoria.

The Liaison Officer, Mr. C.G. Hide, has been notified of this decision.

It was decided to order ^{possibly} one hundred copies of the Herschel Number of the South African Library Bulletin for resale to members.

The monthly order for Sky and Telescope was to be increased from 275 to 300.

The Handbook for 1958 was to be published early in January.

The Natal Annual Report received by the Hon. Secretary was read by Dr. Evans.

Mr. P.L. Meadows was to be asked to be Mr. Ottens' alternate on the Council subject to his consent.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

A. Menzies.
Hon. Secretary.

R.H. Stoy
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