

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 3 February 1958 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the chair) Drs. Evans and Cousins, Messrs Johnston, Linton, Duncan, Meadows, Orpen, Krumm, and the Hon. Secretary.

An apology for absence had been received from Professor le Roux.

Members stood as a mark of respect for the late Mr. R.B. Borchers, a former Council member and a Society member of long standing. The Hon. Secretary was asked to convey to Mrs. Borchers the sympathy of the Council.

Dr. Stoy welcomed Mr. Meadows to the Council, and expressed the pleasure of members at the recovery of Mr. Duncan from his recent illness.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on 2 December 1957 were read and confirmed.

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

Statement of Financial Position at 3rd. February 1958.

<u>Expenditure.</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Receipts.</u>	£ s. d.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to Sept. 1957	120.17. 0.	Credit balance 1/7/1957	128.13. 9.
Cost of production of MNASSA for period July to November 1957, including index, 1957	71. 8. 0.	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Cost of production of Handbook for 1958	22. 2. 6.	Arrears. 10.13. 0.	
Collating, wrapping & despatch of MNASSA and "Sky & Telescope", July 1957 to January 1958, and of Handbook	27. 1. 6.	Current. 451.15. 0.	
Postage on above	26. 5. 0.	Advance. <u>6. 6. 0.</u>	468.14. 0.
Stationery and distribution of Council Minutes	4. 7. 0.	Entrance Fees	23. 2. 0.
Postage, other than as above	3. 0. 0.	Sale of back & extra numbers of "Sky & Telescope"	1. 1. 0.
Essay Competition prizes	7. 7. 0.	Sale of MNASSA	5.10. 6.
Credit balance 3/2/1958	348. 8. 3.	Sale of Handbooks	1. 2. 0.
	<u>£630.16. 3.</u>	Sale of copies of "Universal Sundial"	10. 0.
		Contribution to the Gill Medal Fund	-18. 0.
		Exchange on cheques	1. 5. 0.
			<u>£630.16. 3.</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 agreed that part of the balance in the Bank be transferred to a savings account, the amount and other details being left to the discretion of the Treasurer.

Mr. Krumm reported that £13 had been received in payment for the Monthly Notes.

The Rev. S. Solberg's request for re-instatement was agreed to.

The Constitution as amended was to be printed for circulation to new Members.

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

Mr. J. Vollmer, 35 Pope St. Bellevue East, Johannesburg.

Mr. D.L. Vorderman, 304 Houghton Gardens, Cavendish Road, Johannesburg.

Mr. H.W. Collins, 2 Perth Villas, Egham Road, Wynberg, Cape.

Mr. R.F. Hurly, 8 Columbus Road, Newlands, Cape.

Mr. J.R. Draper, 405 Saratoga Gardens, Saratoga Avenue, Berea,
Johannesburg.

Mr. J.P.W. Mountain, 99 Kensington Drive, Durban North.

Dr. S. Jacobson, 34 Lister Buildings, Jeppe St, Johannesburg.

Mr. A.J. Nel, 1 "Mardene", Linze Road, Stamford Hill, Durban.

In reply to a letter from Dr. Feast read by the Hon. Secretary, it was decided to ask Dr. Feast for the date of his sailing to England in June, in order that a meeting could be arranged at which Dr. Feast could read his Presidential Address.

A request for publications issued by the Society from the State information Office was read. It was decided to send a copy of the Monthly Notes to this Office, and to inform the Librarian that additional copies are available at 17/6 per copy per year.

The Hon. Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. P.L. Meadows accepting the invitation of the Council to act as Alternate for Mr. Ottens.

A letter from Mr. A.A. du Plessis asking to be re-instated was given to Mr. Orpen, the Hon. Treasurer, to discover the amount of arrear subscriptions outstanding.

A request from the Natal Centre Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Burns, for information on the Constitution of the Society, and Dr. Evan's comprehensive reply, were read at the meeting.

A letter from C.S.I.R., with the information that a Conference to discuss difficulties in the publication of scientific papers, would probably be held in April 1958 at either Johannesburg or Pretoria, and Mr. Russo's reply, were read.

It was decided to send the "Handbook" to overseas subscribers to the "Monthly Notes".

The meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.

A. Menzies.

Hon. Secretary.

R. H. Stoy.
5.5.58.