

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 5th May 1958 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the chair) Prof. le Roux, Dr. Cousins, Messrs. Orpen, Meadows, Duncan, Churms, Linton, Russo and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Evans and Mr. Krumm.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 3rd February 1958 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes the Hon. Secretary reported that a letter of thanks had been received from Mrs. Borchers in reply to the expressions of sympathy of the Council at the death of Mr. Borchers.

Members were informed by Dr. Stoy that the proposed Conference on Scientific publications had been postponed to the end of the year.

Finance: Mr. Orpen reported a Credit balance of £5. The small balance was due to placing £125 of Fixed Deposit and to unexpected expenditure. The Statement read as follows:

Statement of Financial Position at 5th May 1958.

<u>Expenditure.</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Receipts.</u>	£ s. d.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for the period April 1957 to March 1958.	252. 2. 5.	Credit balance 1/7/1957	128.13. 9.
Cost of production of M.N.A.S.S.A. for period July 1957 to March 1958 including index 1957.	114. 1. 1.	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
		Arrears. 10.13. 0.	
		Current. 475. 1. 0.	
		Advance. <u>9. 9. 0.</u>	495. 3. 0.
Cost of production of Handbook for 1958	29. 9. 0.	Entrance Fees	29. 8. 0.
Collating, wrapping and despatch of M.N.A.S.S.A. and "Sky and Telescope" July 1957 to March 1958 and of Handbook.	29. 1. 6.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	1. 1. 0.
Postage on above	36. 5. 0.	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	10.15. 2.
Stationery and circulars to Council members	4.12. 0.	Sale of Handbooks	1.14. 0.
Postage, other than as above	3. 5. 0.	Sale of copies of "Universal Sundial"	-.10. 0.
Essay Competition prizes	7. 7. 0.	Contribution to the Gill Medal Fund	-.18. 0.
Preparation of copies of Constitution as amended	12. 4. 0.	Exchange on cheques	1. 7. 6.
Purchase of 100 copies of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape"	28. 2. 6.		
Reprints for Radcliffe	6. 0. 0.		
Bank charges	2.16. 3.		
Amount placed on Fixed Deposit	125. 0. 0.		
Credit balance at 5/5/1958	<u>5. 3. 8.</u>		
	<u>£669.10. 5.</u>		<u>£669.10. 5.</u>

NOTE: The balance shown should be increased by an amount of £7.11. 0., being the debit balance in the Gill Medal Fund. An amount of £125. 0. 0. was placed on Fixed Deposit at $4\frac{1}{2}$ p.a. for one year from 1st March 1958.

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

Members decided that Mr. Krumm be asked to offer back numbers of "Sky and Telescope" for sale to the publishers.

Dr. Stoy reported that the amended Constitution had been printed and distributed to all members.

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

Mr. E. Kapp, 7 Arton Court, Luton Rd., Diep River.

Mr. J.J. Delport, 52 Kerk St., Kempton Park, Transvaal.

Mr. B.J. Rabone, 42 Molopo Rd., Mafeking.

Mr. H.L. van der Meulen, Post Office, Brandfort, O.F.S.

Dr. E. Rea, Colliery Hospital, Wankie, S. Rhodesia.

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

Mr. ~~J.E. King~~ ^{S. Fulton}, P.O. Box 873, Durban.

Mr. L.G. Kruger, 49 Twickenham Avenue, Auckland Park, Johannesburg.

Mr. W.E. Addison, 10 1st Avenue, Lambton, Germiston.

Mr. W. Torbitt, 201 Broadlands, Rosebank, Johannesburg.

It was decided to hold a Meeting of the Society on 5th June 1958 to enable Dr. Feast to deliver his Presidential Address.

Professor le Roux said that Astronomy was to be taught at schools in standards 6, 7, and 8, and that the standard of Essays received in the competition open to scholars should in consequence show an improvement over past years.

The award of the Gill Medal was discussed and a name was selected. Dr. Feast in a letter to ~~Mr. Burt~~ intimated that the Council should not make the award of the Medal an annual event, but should be guided by circumstances.

A letter received by Mr. Meadows from Mr. Ottens was read to the meeting.

Mr. Ottens sought advice on the layout of domes housing astronomical instruments and a meeting room on a piece of L-shaped ground.

Mr. Meadows was asked to write to Mr. Ottens requesting a more detailed description of the site for the proposed buildings.

The next Council Meeting would be held on the 5th June 1958.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

A. Menzies.
Hon. Secretary.

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