

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 30th June 1958 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the chair) Dr. Cousins, Professor le Roux, Messrs. Hirst, Churms, Orpen, Duncan, Johnson, Krumm and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Evans, Messrs. Russo and Meadows.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5th June 1958 were read and confirmed.

Finance: The Financial Statement presented by Mr. Orpen was as follows:-

Statement of Financial Position at 30th June 1958.

<u>Expenditure.</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Receipts.</u>	£ s. d.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April 1957 to March 1958	252. 2. 5.	Credit balance 1/7/1957	128.13. 9.
Cost of production of MNASSA for period July 1957 to June 1958, including index 1957.	135. 0. 1.	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Cost of production of Handbook for 1958	29. 9. 0.	Arrears 10.13. 0.	
Collating, wrapping and despatch of Handbook and of MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope, July 1957 to June 1958	33. 6. 6.	Current 508.13. 0.	
Postage on above	46.17. 6.	Advance <u>36.15. 0.</u>	556. 1. 0.
Stationery and circulars to Council Members	9.12. 4.	Entrance Fees	35.14. 0.
Postage other than above	7. 0. 3.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	1. 1. 0.
Copies of amended Constitution and despatch thereof	12. 4. 0.	Sale of MNASSA	21.12. 8.
Essay Competition prizes	7. 7. 0.	Sale of Handbooks	1.18. 0.
Purchase of 100 copies of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape"	28. 2. 6.	Sale of copies of "Universal Sundial"	-.10. 0.
Purchase of addressograph	14. 0. 0.	Payment by Radcliffe Observatory for reprints of article in MNASSA and covers therefor	7. 0. 0.
Reprints for Radcliffe	6. 0. 0.	Sale of copies of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape"	1.12. 6.
Bank charges	4.16.11.	Contributions to the Gill Medal Fund	-.18. 0.
Fixed Deposit Receipt	125. 0. 0.	Exchange on cheques	1.12. 5.
Credit balance 30/6/1958	45.14.10.		
	<u>£756.13. 4.</u>		<u>£756.13. 4.</u>

NOTE: The debit balance in the Gill Medal Fund, amounting to £7.11. 0., is included in the above.

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

The following were appointed Auditors for the year ending July 1958:

Messrs. Duncan and Johnston.

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

Mr. L. McEvoy, 10 Bertram Road, Sea Point, Cape.

Mr. P.J. Ellis, P.O. Box 59 Eshowe, Zululand.

Mr. A. Miller, P.O. Box 2468, Durban.

Dr. G. Stiven, 205 Magaliesberg, Louis Botha and Fife Avenue, Johannesburg.

Mr. P.A.C. Faurie, 67 4th Street, Linden, Johannesburg.

The election as Associates of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed of Mr. N.F. Fourie, Box 197, Witbank, Transvaal and of Mr. P.A. Botha, Box 27, Witbank, Transvaal.

The following Council would be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 23rd July, 1958:

President: Professor Haffner, proposed by Dr. Evans
seconded by Dr. Stoy.

Vice Presidents: Drs. Feast and Stoy, Mr. Lagerweij.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Menzies.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Orpen.

Members of Council: Dr. Evans, Mr. Bester, Professor le Roux, Mr. Churms.

Members representing Centres would be nominated by the Centres.

Essay Competition: Professor le Roux reported to Council his findings in the Essay Competition as follows:

Robertson of Diocesan College, 1st

2nd and 3rd prizes to be divided equally between Hutchings of Diocesan College and Trollope of St. Andrews.

Special prizes of 10/6 each to be awarded to Hawarden (14½ years old) of Maritzburg and Mayewski (12½ years) of S.A.C.S.

Mayewski's essay Professor le Roux considered, in contents and comprehension, remarkable for a child of his age.

Council agreed to a suggestion by Professor le Roux that the Essay Competition should be divided into two age-groups, under 15 at the end of May, and over 15 years.

The annual Report of Council, partly drafted by the Hon. Secretary was considered by the meeting, and passed after additions had been made.

Mr. Krumm reported that the Cape Round Table wanted lecturers to help at the Spring Fair to be held in October, when a Planetarium would be on view.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to write to the Transvaal Centre for material for the Handbook for 1959.

The meeting ended at 9.40. p.m.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary.

David S. Evans
27 Aug 1958