

Astronomical Society of Southern Africa.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 23rd July, 1958 at 8 p.m.

Dr. Evans presided. The attendance was good.
An apology for absence was received from Mr. Krumm.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 24th July 1957 were read and, after an amendment, confirmed.

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

Astronomical Society of Southern Africa.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1958

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>		<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
				Credit balance 1/7/1957.	128.	13.	9.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope for year April 1957 to March 1958	252.	2.	5.	<u>Subscriptions</u>			
Cost of production of MNASSA, including Index for 1957	135.	0.	1.	Arrears. 10. 13. 0. Current 508. 13. 0. Advance <u>36. 15. 0.</u>	556.	1.	0.
Cost of production of handbook for 1958	29.	9.	0.	Entrance fees	35.	14.	0.
Collating, wrapping & Despatch of "Sky & Telescope, MNASSA and Handbook	33.	6.	6.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "sky & Telescope	1.	1.	0.
Postage on above	46.	17.	6.	Sale of NNASSA	21.	12.	8.
Stationery and circulars of Council Members	9.	12.	4.	Sale of Handbooks	1.	18.	0.
Postage other than above	7.	0.	3.	Sale of copies of Universal Sundial	-	10.	0.
Cost of copies of amended Constitution and despatch thereof to members	12.	4.	0.	Payment by Radcliffe Observatory for reprints of article in MNASSA And covers therefor	7.	0.	0.
Essay Competition Prizes	7.	7.	0.	Sale of copies of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape"	1.	12.	6.
Purchase of 100 copies of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape"	28.	2.	6.	Contributions to the Gill Medal Fund.	-	18.	0.
Purchase of addressograph	14.	0.	0.	Exchange on cheques	1.	12.	5.
Reprints for Radcliffe Obs. of article in MNASSA	6.	0.	0.				
Bank charges	6.	9.	7.				
Amount placed on Fixed Deposit	125.	0.	0.				
Credit balance - 30/6/1958	44.	2.	2.				
	<u>£756.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>4.</u>		<u>£756.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>4.</u>

NOTE:- There is a debit balance in the Gill Medal Fund, amounting to £7.11.0. which is included in the above.

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer

Correct
S. C. Duncan

R. J. Johnston
Hon. Auditors.

Essay Competition: The results of the Essay Competition adjudicated by Professor le Roux were as follows:-

1st prize: G. Robertson (Diocesan College)

Joint 2nd and 3rd prizes: J.B. Hutchings (Diocesan College)
H.W. Trollope (St Andrews)

Two special prizes of 10/6 each to:

T.G. Hawarden (Maritzburg College)
S. Mayesoski (S.A.C.S.)

Dr. Evans announced the award of the Gill Medal to Dr. J. Jackson, C.B.E., F.R.S. with the Citation: The Gill Medal is to be awarded to Dr. John Jackson C.B.E., F.R.S., in recognition of his work in fundamental astronomy and photographic astrometry in general and, in particular, of his work on stellar parallax in the Southern Hemisphere

The annual Report of the Council for the session 1957-58 was read by the Hon. Secretary and adopted by the meeting.

The Variable Star Section Report, the Planetary Section, and Meteor Section Reports were read by Dr. Evans and adopted by the meeting. A vote of thanks to the Directors of the Sections was passed.

The following officers for the session 1958-59 were declared elected

President: Professor Haffner

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

Dr Evans informed members of the work done by the four Moonwatch teams in Southern Africa.

Mr. Willstrop in an illustrated lecture on the history of the Cambridge observatories showed that the Cape Observatory and Cambridge were historically related, and that most of the Cape Astronomers had been members of Cambridge colleges.

A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed, those present showing their appreciation in the usual manner.

The meeting ended at 10 p.m.

R. H. Stoy
22.7.59.

A Menzies.
HON. Secretary