

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 27th August 1958 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Evans (in the Chair) Messrs. Meadows, Orpen, Russo, Krumm, Linton, Johnston, Duncan and the Hon. Secretary.

Dr. Evans moved 'that this meeting expresses its sympathy and deep regret at the death of the ~~late~~ Prime Minister, the Hon. J.G. Strydom.'

The motion was accepted by the meeting.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 30th June 1958 were read and confirmed.

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

Financial Statement for 27th August 1958.

<u>Expenditure</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Receipts</u>	£ s. d.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to June 1958	72.14. 9.	Credit balance at 1/7/1958	44. 2. 2.
Cost of production of MNASSA, July 1958	19. 3. 2.	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Collating MNASSA July 1958	1. 0. 0.	Arrears 5. 5. 0.	
Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" July 1958	3. 2. 6.	Current <u>81.18. 0.</u>	87. 3. 0.
Essay Competition Prizes	10.10. 0.	<u>Entrance Fees</u>	10.10. 0.
Postage, other than above	-.14. 0.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	1. 6. 0.
Credit balance at 27/8/1958	45. 3. 9.	Sale of MNASSA	1. 0. 6.
		Sale of Handbooks	-. 4. 6.
		Sale of copy of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape"	-. 7. 0.
		Contributions to the Gill Medal Fund	7.11. 0.
	<u>£ 152. 8. 2.</u>		<u>£ 152. 8. 2.</u>

It should be noted that an amount of £125. 0. 0. is held on Fixed Deposit at 4% by the Standard Bank, A.B.C. Branch, Cape Town.

The previous debit balance in the Gill Medal Fund has now been liquidated by contributions, including £6.10.0. from the Cape Centre.

Garrett Orpen  
Hon. Treasurer

Arising out of the financial statement it was decided that the order for "Sky and Telescope" be increased to 280 copies, and that the August and September issues be supplemented to make up the number to 280.

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

Mr. Stephen Nel, 43 Lancers Rd. Durban.

Mr. H.D. Lawton, "Lezayre", Princess Vlei Rd., Plumstead, Cape.

Mr. I. Burns, 57 Deleuw Court, 110 Stanger St., Durban.

Mr. L.S. MacKenzie, Florence Mission Station, P/bag 15 via Piet Retief, Transvaal.

Mr. J.P. Vorster, 10 Lawson Court, 4th Avenue, Lindon, Johannesburg.

Mr. R.A. Roseveare, Michealhouse, Balgowan, Natal.

The election as an Associate of the Transvaal centre was confirmed of Mrs. D.B. Johnston, 19 Seventh Avenue, Edenvale, Transvaal.

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

Mr. G.J. Walboom, P.O. Box 2065, Windhoek, S.W.A.

Mr. D.J.J. Conradie, 48 Herbert Baker St., Groenkloof, Pretoria.

Mr. R.R. de Freitas Mourão, Posta Restante, Correio de Botafogo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The following alternates were appointed, subject to the consent of the members concerned:

Mr. V.P. Hirst, "aters Edge", Greenbanks Rd., Rondebosch, for  
Professor H. Haffner.

Mr. Krumm for Dr. Feast

Mr. Russo for Mr. Lagerweij

Dr. Cousins for Mr. Bester

Mr. Linton for Mr. Overbeek

Mr. Meadows for Mr. Ottens

Mr. Smits for Prof. Immelmann (re-signed 1958)

Mr. Duncan for Prof. le Roux

A letter of appreciation for being elected President of the Society was received from Professor Haffner and read to the meeting.

A letter received by Mr. Orpen from Mr. Alvin Hobby describing the telescope used by him, and with photographs of the instrument, was read and shown at the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

R.H.S.  
5.11.58.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary