

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Prof. le Roux, Dr. Cousins, Messrs. Hirst, Linton and Meadows.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 27th August 1958 were read and after amendment, confirmed.

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

Financial Statement for 5th November 1958

<u>Expenditure</u>			<u>Receipts</u>	
	£	s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions to "Sky & 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 and Aug. 1958	57. 3.	6.	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Collating MNASSA, July and Aug. 1958, and addressograph plates	2.15.	11.	Arrears	9.13. 0.
Postage of MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope", as above	6. 5.	0.	Current	<u>387. 9. 0.</u>
Essay Competition Prizes	10.10.	0.	Entrance Fees	16.16. 0.
Postage other than above	1.11.	8.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	1.18. 6.
Bank Charges	-.19.	6.	Sale of MNASSA	1.18. 0.
Credit Balance 5/11/1958	320.11.	1.	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.
			Donation	-.18. 0.
			Cape Centre Sub	-. 2. 6.
			Transvaal Centre Sub	-. 7. 6.
			Commission of cheques	1. 4. 3.
	£	<u>472.11. 5.</u>		£ <u>472.11. 5.</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.

Garrett Orpen

Hon. Treasurer

Arising out of the Financial Statement Mr. Krumm reported that the order for Sky and Telescope had been increased to 280 copies, and that copies for August, September and October issues would be sent to make the total up to 280 for those months.

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

Mr. J.M. van Graan, 711 Montrose, Rutherford Street, Durban.  
Mr. V. Lunn, 41 Moffat Street, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.  
Mr. A.F.J. McKay, 13 Marne Avenue, Newlands, Cape.  
Mr. J. Ozinsky, "Palermo", Exner Avenue, Vredehoek, Cape Town.  
Mr. G.R. Atkins, "Low Gill", Malines Avenue, Newlands, Cape.  
Mr. H.C. McCallum, 29 Ninth Avenue, Fish Hoek, Cape.  
Mr. R.H. Goodwin, 25, Apex Buildings, Springs, Transvaal.  
Mr. G. Conradie, No 1 Protea Court, Conradie Street, Strand, Cape.  
Mrs. N. Canavesio, 17 Cavendish Road, Bellevue East, Johannesburg.  
Mr. J.B. Alexander, Royal Observatory, Cape.  
Mr. J. Anderson, 22 Massey Park, Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland.  
Mr. S. Faure, 16 Savoy Street, Paarl, Cape Province.

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

Mr. I. Rodger, Royal Observatory, Cape.  
Mr. J.H. le Roux, 170 Blackwood Street, Arcadia, Pretoria.  
Mr. N. Malan, Dana Court, 96 Dunbar Street, Bellevue, Johannesburg.

The election as Associates of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed of the following:

Mr. G. Kuhlmann, 30, Second Avenue, Bez. Valley, Johannesburg.  
Mr. B. Horn, 292 Main Street, Ferndale, Johannesburg.  
Mrs. L. Goodwin, 25 Apex Buildings, Springs, Transvaal.

The Transvaal Centre has elected the following as Student Members:

Mr. Mr. D. Crayden, P.O. Box 10707, Johannesburg.  
Master C. Cubitt, 12 Hope Avenue, Anzac, Brakpan, Transvaal.

A letter from Mr. S.C. Venter in which Mr. Venter said that he wished to resign as Director of the Meteor Section, as his health has not been good.

Mr. Venter's resignation was accepted with regret. A unanimous vote of thanks for the work done by Mr. Venter in the past as Director of the Meteor Section was passed by the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary reported the receipt of the Natal and Port Elizabeth Centres' Annual Reports for 1957-58.

A letter from Dr. Jackson thanking the Astronomical Society for the award of the Gill Medal was read by the Hon. Secretary. With his thanks Dr. Jackson sent his best wishes for the future of the Society.

A letter from Professor le Roux was read by the Hon. Secretary. Professor le Roux said that he would be on sick leave to the end of the year and thereafter on long leave to the end of August 1959, so that he would be unable to attend Council Meetings.

Mr. A.F.I. Forhes was elected an Honorary Member in recognition of his long and fruitful association with the Astronomical Society.

It was decided to issue a Handbook for 1959, and to include a list of Members.

An Essay Competition would be held in 1959.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

A. Menzies.

Hon. Secretary

*David S. Evans*  
*Chairman of meeting*