

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Friday 20th February 1959 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Evans (in the Chair), ^{Professor Haffner,} Dr. Cousins, Messrs Duncan, Smits, Russo, Orpen, Churms, Meadows, Johnston and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Stoy and Mr. Linton.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5th November 1958 were read and after an amendment was made, confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes Dr. Evans asked members to rise as a mark of respect for the late Dr. Jackson, the recipient of the Society's latest Gill Medal award.

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

Statement of Financial Position at 20th February 1959.

<u>Expenditure</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Receipts</u>	£ s. d.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to December 1958	210. 1. 8.	Credit Balance at 1/7/1958	44. 2. 2.
Cost of production of MNASSA July 1958 to February 1959 and of Handbook 1959	186.10. 9.	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Collating MNASSA and Handbook as above	9. 0. 0.	Arrears.	9. 13. 0.
Postage on MNASSA, Handbook and "Sky and Telescope" for above period	31. 7. 6.	Current.	513. 9. 0.
Essay Competition Prizes	10.10. 0.	Advance.	8. 8. 0.
Stationery	5.12. 0.	Entrance Fees	34.13. 0.
Addressograph plates	1.18. 9.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	1.18. 6.
Postage, other than above	2. 8. 8.	Sale of MNASSA	6. 5. 6.
Transvaal Centre Sub.	-. 7. 6.	Sale of Handbooks	1.17. 6.
Bank Charges	3. 7. 8.	Sale of copies of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape".	1.15. 0.
Credit Balance at 20/2/1959	212. 8. 2.	Contributions to the Gill Medal Fund	7.11. 0.
		Donations	1.14. 0.
		Cape Centre Sub.	-. 2. 6.
		Transvaal Centre Sub.	-. 7. 6.
		Reprints of articles in MNASSA for Centres	40. 8. 6.
		Commission on cheques	1. 7. 6.
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It should be noted that, in addition to the credit balance shown above, an amount of £125 is held on Fixed Deposit at 4% by the Standard Bank, A.B.C. Branch, Cape Town.

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

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

Mr. J. Kuper, 100 Clark Road, Durban.
Mr. A.C. Langton, P.O. Box 1, Florida, Transvaal.
Mr. H. Levitt, 69 Frederick Street, Observatory Extension, Johannesburg.
Mr. H. Barton, Algoa Hotel, Western Road, Port Elizabeth.
Mr. J.C. Bennett, 90 Malan Street, Riviera, Pretoria.
Mr. M.M. Raphaely, P.O. Box 447, Cape Town.
Mr. N. Malan, Dana Court, 96 Dunbar Street, Bellevue, Johannesburg.
Mr. J.H. le Roux, 170 Blackwood Street, Pretoria.

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

Mr. P. Eifler, 12 Mercurius Street, Solheim, Germiston.
Mr. G.C. Davis, 3 Cowie Road, Forest Town, Johannesburg.
Mr. G.N. Wood, 46 Jeffcoat Avenue, Bergvliet, Cape.
Mr. C.L. Marais Jnr., c/o Union Paper Co., P.O. Box 1216, Cape Town.
Mr. J.B.Z. Keet, 7 Union Avenue, Pinelands, Cape.
Mr. L.L. van Zyl, 20 Ceres Avenue, Comet, Boksburg.
Mr. J.S. Bondiotti, C.53 Meulenhof, Newport Street, Tamboers Kloof, Cape Town.

Dr. H. Haffner who had arrived from Bloemfontein, was introduced to Council members by Dr. Evans. Members welcomed Dr. Haffner with an ovation.

Dr. Evans wished to retire from the Chair to enable the President of the Society to preside, but Dr. Haffner asked Dr. Evans to continue to conduct the meeting.

It was decided to increase the order for "Sky and Telescope" to 300 copies from January 1959.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, requesting that subscriptions to the Society by members liable to United Kingdom tax, be recognised as a claim for deduction against this tax.

Mr. Meadows was asked to write to Mr. Ottens to the effect that two missing sketches could be reproduced for inclusion in copies of the article on Telescope-making, at Mr. Ottens' expense.

Mr. Russo was asked to write to the Johannesburg Centre to ask for a nomination as Director for the Meteor Section, and to request that the Society's Treasurer be informed of payments received from Transvaal members as soon as possible.

Dr. Haffner spoke on the difficulties encountered in forming a Bloemfontein Centre. A copy of the Cape Centre's Constitution was handed to Dr. Haffner, who expressed thanks to members for suggestions received from them on the subject under discussion.

The meeting ended at 10.30 p.m.

R. H. Stoy.
1959 April 20th.

A. Menzies.
Hon. Secretary.