

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Friday 19th June 1959 at 8 p.m.

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

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

Dr. Stoy announced the death of Mr. A.F. Forbes, a past President, Honorary Member, and member of long standing of the Cape Centre.

Members stood as a mark of respect for the late Mr. Forbes.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 20th April 1959 were read and confirmed.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 19th JUNE 1959.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£	s.	d.	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	s.	d.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope for period April 1958 to March 1959	290.	12.	5.	Credit Balance at 1/7/1958	44.	2.	2.
Cost of production of MNASSA July 1958 to June 1959 and of Handbook, 1959	231.	2.	9.	<u>Subscriptions.</u>			
Collating, wrapping and despatch of MNASSA, Handbook & "Sky & Telescope"	37.	11.	6.	Arrears	9.13.0.		
Postage on MNASSA, Handbook & "Sky & Telescope"	39.	7.	6.	Current	546. 0.0.		
Addressograph plates and tray	.	9.	6.	Advance	43. 1.0.	598.	14. 0.
Essay Competition Prizes	10.	10.	0.	Entrance fees		55.	13. 0.
Stationery	16.	6.	6.	Sale of back & extra numbers of "Sky & Telescope"		2.	18. 0.
Postage, other than above	3.	16.	2.	Sale of MNASSA		20.	17. 0.
Transvaal Centre Sub.	-	7.	6.	Sale of Handbooks		2.	8. 0.
Refunds of Subscriptions	2.	2.	0.	Sale of copies of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape"		2.	8. 0.
Bank Charges	3.	17.	0.	Sale of "Universal Sundial"		-	2. 0.
Credit balance, 19/6/1959.	138.	19.	0.	Contributions to the Gill Medal Fund		7.	11. 0.
				Donations		1.	14. 0.
				Cape Centre Sub.		-	2. 6.
				Transvaal Centre Sub.		-	13. 0.
				Reprints, for Centres, of articles in MNASSA		40.	8. 6.
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It should be noted that, in addition to the credit balance shown above, an amount of £125. 0. 0. is held on Fixed Deposit at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ by the Standard Bank, A.B.C. Branch, Cape Town

G. Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

A letter received by the Hon. Secretary from Professor Haffner was read by Dr. Stoy.

Dr. Haffner had represented the Society at a meeting at Bloemfontein where the training of physicists and chemists had been discussed.

Copies of the Presidential Address would be sent to Centres of the Society in time for the Annual General Meeting on the 22nd July.

The following whose name has appeared in the Monthly Notes was elected a Member:

Mr. M. Bohlmann, 137 Wilcocks Road, Bloemfontein

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

Mr A.J. Muller, 36 Fort Street, Bloemfontein
Mr.B.J. Kempen, P.O. Box 24, Victoria West.
Mr R.J.Wintle, P.O. Box 967, Cape Town.
Paarl Amateur Telescope Makers, No.9 Verduiel Str., Paarl.
Mr R.V. Lawrence, off School Road, Van der Stel.
Mr J.J. van Ellinckhuijzen, 58 Aliwal Str., Bloemfontein.
Mr R.J.S. Lipp, Box 285, Stellenbosch

The election as Associates of the Bloemfontein Centre was confirmed of the following:-

Miss M.V.Quin, Bishop's Glen, P.O. Glen, Bloemfontein
Mr P.V. Quin, Bishop's Glen, P.O. Glen, "
Mr H.W. Trillope, 3 Dromedaris Str., "
Miss M.C. Smith, Pre.Steyn te Huis, U.O.V.S., "
Mrs W.L. Muller, 36, Fort Street, Bloemfontein
Miss C.F. Bonner, 33 David Fourie Street, Bloemfontein
Mr C.R. Cooper, 33 John Knox Street, Bloemfontein

The following were elected Student Members of the Bloemfontein Centre:-

Master C.R. Green, Mr. B. Bohlman, Master C.M. Muller.

Mr. Meadows was appointed Scrutineer of the essays received in the Essay Competition. The Afrikaans entries would be judged by Professor Cillie, in the absence of Professor le Roux.

The following officers and Council would be declared elected for the year July 1959 to June 1960:

President:	Mr P. Smits	g.B
Vice-Presidents:	Dr. H. Haffner, Messrs Anderson, Overbeek	x
Hon.Secretary :	Mr. A. Menzies	
Hon.Treasurer :	Mr. G. Orpen	
Members of Council:	Drs. Stoy, Evans, Thackeray, Finsen.	
Hon. Auditors :	Messrs. Duncan and Johnston	

The report of the Library Committee was adopted, £50 being allotted to set up the Library. The following were elected to serve on the Library Committee for 1959-1960. Messrs Smits, Duncan, Churms, Krumm, Meadows, and Lake (Librarian)

The Hon.Secretary was asked to write to Centres and directors of observing Sections for the Annual Reports.

The meeting ended at 10 p.m.



A. Menzies
HON. SECRETARY.