

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 19th October 1959 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Smits (in the Chair), Drs. Evans, Cousins, Fernie and Kinman, Messrs. Johnstone, Churms, Russo, Bentley, Orpen, and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Stoy, Messrs. Krumm and Lake.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on 24th August 1959 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes the Hon. Secretary read letters confirming the appointment of the following Alternates:

Dr. Cousins for Mr. Bester
Dr. Fernie " Dr. Finsen
Mr. Bentley " Mr. Anderson

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

Statement of Financial Position on 19th October 1959

| <u>Expenditure</u> | £ | s. | d. | <u>Receipts</u> | £ | s. | d. |
|--|--------|-----|-----|---|--------|-----|-----|
| Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to Sept 1959 | 174. | 5. | 2. | Credit Balance 1/7/1959 | 137. | 2. | 3. |
| Cost of production of MNASSA, July to Sept 1959 | 69. | 9. | 3. | Subscriptions | | | |
| Wrapping and despatch of MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope", July to Sept 1959 | 1. | 10. | 0. | Arrears | 8. | 8. | 0. |
| Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" as above | 17. | 0. | 0. | Current | 386. | 6. | 0. |
| Library Cupboard and expenses | 16. | 15. | 10. | Advance | 3. | 3. | 0. |
| Postage other than above | 3. | 2. | 0. | | 398. | 17. | 0. |
| Addressograph plates | - | 16. | 4. | Entrance Fees | 12. | 12. | 0. |
| Essay Competition prizes | 15. | 15. | 0. | Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope" | 1. | 11. | 0. |
| Legal Expenses in respect of Natal Centre | 3. | 3. | 0. | Sale of MNASSA | 4. | 0. | 6. |
| Refund of Sub. overpaid by Transvaal Centre | 1. | 1. | 0. | Donations | 1. | 8. | 0. |
| Bank Charges | - | 3. | 0. | Commission on cheques | 1. | 2. | 2. |
| Credit Balance at 19/10/1959 | 253. | 12. | 4. | | | | |
| | £ 556. | 12. | 11. | | £ 556. | 12. | 11. |

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.

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Orpen asked that Mr. Price be given extended time to pay his first subscription. This was agreed.

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

Mr. C. J. Breytenbach, 260 Troye Street, Muckleneuk, Pretoria.

Mr. G. Kuhlmann, 30 2nd Avenue, Bezuidenhout Valley, Johannesburg.

Mrs. G. C. Mostert, 744 Hertzog Street, Rietfontein, Pretoria.

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

Mr. D. McDonald, 1 Esquire Flats, Amundale Street, Gardens, Cape Town.

Mr. T. G. Hawarden, 2 Hodson Road, Pietermaritzburg.

Mr. J. H. Blignaut, 1294 Park Street, Hatfield, Pretoria.

Dr. T. D. Kinman, Royal Observatory, Observatory, Cape.

Mr. M. H. C. du Preez, 48 Keerom Street, Cape Town.

Dr. L. Botha, P.O. Box 100, Duiwelskloof, Northern Transvaal.

Mr. D. F. Botha, P.O. Box 19, Politsi, Northern Transvaal.

Mr. A. Lighter, c/o 'The Star', P.O. Box 1014, Johannesburg.

Mr. R. R. Hirschberg, P.O. Box 3377 C. Town

In view of the increase in membership it was decided to increase the order for "Sky and Telescope" from 324 to 348 copies from January 1960.

Mr. Smits read a letter from Dr. Haffner who expresses great pleasure at his election as an Honorary Member of the Society.

It was decided to print a "Handbook for 1960".

In a letter to Dr. Stoy, Mr. Overbeek reported that Mr. van Zyl was calling at the Observatory on Wednesday 21st October in connection with the computing of material for the Handbook.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary.

P. Smits