

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 4th April 1960 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Smits (in the Chair), Dr. Stoy, <sup>Dr.</sup>~~Professor~~ Fernie, Dr. Kinman, Messrs Bentley, Orpen, Meadows, Krumm, Churms, Russo, and the Hon. Secretary.

An apology for absence had been received from Dr. Evans.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 14th December 1959 were read and after amendment, confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes, Dr. Stoy reported that a gift of books, a book-case and of slides had been received from Mr. R. Watson. The Secretary was asked to convey to Mr. Watson the appreciation and thanks of Council.

Mr. Orpen reported that a bequest of £100 had been received from the executors of the estate of the late Mr. A. F. I. Forbes.

Council agreed that the Forbes Bequest be invested in some remunerative fund.

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

Financial Position as on 4th April 1960

<u>Expenditure</u>	£	s	d	<u>Receipts</u>	£	s	d
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for period April to Dec. 1959	261	13	6.	Credit Balance 1/7/1959	137	2	3.
Cost of production of Handbook and MNASSA, July 1959 to Feb. 1960	184	7	1.	<u>Subscriptions</u>			
Wrapping and despatch of MNASSA and "Sky & Telescope" for above period, and of Handbook, 1960	4	10	0	Arrears	10	10	0.
Postage on MNASSA, "Sky & Telescope" & Handbook	44	0	0.	Current	547	19	0.
Library cupboard and expenses	19	11	2.	Advance	8	8	0.
Stationery	4	4	0.	Entrance Fees	26	5	0.
Postage other than above	6	12	0.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "sky & Telescope"	1	14	0.
Addressograph plates	2	0	5.	Sale of MNASSA	17	2	6.
Essay Competition prizes	15	15	0.	Sale of Handbooks	1	3	0.
Legal Expenses in respect of Natal Centre	3	3	0.	Sale of copies of "Universal Sundial"	-	5	0.
Wreath, Late H. C. Davies	2	2	0.	Advertising Revenue, MNASSA	2	10	0.
Refunds of subscriptions	3	3	0.	Donations	1	8	0.
Bank Charges	4	3	7.	Commission on cheques	1	9	11.
Credit Balance at 4/4/1960	300	11	11.	Forbes Bequest	100	0	0.
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Note: In addition to the credit balance shown above an amount of £125 0 0. is held on Fixed Deposit at 4% (reduced rate as from 1st March 1960) 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. Jair Barroso Junior, Rua Gal. Bruce 1586 (o Nacional),  
S. Cristovao, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dr. M. J. Greeff, 2 Fairfield Rd., Observatory, Cape.

Mr. N. B. C. Korsman, 424a Proes St., Pretoria.

Mr. S. J. van der Watt, 22 Estralita Flats, Joubert St., Sunnyside,  
Pretoria.

Mr. B. J. C. Maurick, 8 Eider Rd., Florida Lake, Johannesburg.

Mr. W. H. Gravett, High Spinney, Hout Bay, Cape.

Mr. H. G. Beynon, P.O. Box 672, East London.

Mr. D. Capatos, Smuts Hall, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch.

Mr. P. W. Massie, 163 Anderson Avenue, Northcliff, Johannesburg.

Mr. J. A. Uys, 139 Schoeman St., Pretoria.

Master G. H. Smith, 8 Creswick Rd., Hillside, E 61, Salisbury,  
Southern Rhodesia.

The election as Student Members was confirmed of:

Miss E. Rosenbaum, 10 Gordon Rd., Lorentzville, Johannesburg.

Mr. C. Pinsky, 92 Ascot Rd., Judiths Paarl, Johannesburg.

Council agreed to a suggestion by Dr. Stoy that revenue from the sale of MNASSA be put aside to pay for the purchase of duplicating equipment which would be needed in the near future.

It was agreed to move at the next Annual General Meeting that the Constitution be altered to absolve the Society from having to supply back numbers of Sky & Telescope and of MNASSA to members in arrears, who later pay their subscriptions.

Mr. Krumm was asked to change the number of Sky & Telescope ordered, from 348 to 324 per month.

Dr. Stoy reported the receipt of sunrise, sunset, and twilight tables for Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and Bloemfontein from Mr. G. Knipe.

Council recorded its thanks to Mr. Knipe, and agreed to publish a condensed version of the tables in the next Handbook.

~~Mr. L. Churms~~ <sup>Lake</sup>, the ~~Acting~~ Librarian, was congratulated by members for his initiative in obtaining binding for Union Observatory star charts received from Mr. Watson.

Mr. Churms moved that all donors of books to the Society's Library be thanked by Council.

Dr. Pernie was elected to serve on the Library Committee to fill the vacancy left by the late Mr. S. E. Duncan.

Mr. Churms read a letter from Mr. Kripe, who raised two matters: the small subscription paid by Student Members, and that Society members resident in Johannesburg should be made to join the Transvaal Centre.

Council ruled that the first matter was a domestic one concerning each individual Centre.

It was agreed that no Member could be forced to become a member of any Centre because of place of residence being near a Centre.

A list of Members would be printed with the Annual Report each year.

Mr. Smits elected to reply to a letter received from the Copperbelt Astronomical Society asking for material suitable for exhibition at the opening of their Observatory in June.

The meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.



A. Menzies  
Hon. Secretary