

# ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Friday June 10, 1960 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Smits (in the Chair), Dr. Cousins, Dr. Fernie, Messrs Bentley, Orpen, Johnston and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Drs. Stoy, Evans and Kinman, and from Messrs Russo, Meadows, Krumm and Churms.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 4th April 1960 were read and after amendment, confirmed.

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

## Financial Statement as on 10th June, 1960

Expenditure			Receipts		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April 1959 to March 1960	364.	11. 4.	Credit Balance at 1/7/1959	137.	2. 3.
Cost of production of MNASSA, July 1959 to May 1960, and Handbook, 1960	237.	6. 10.	<u>Subscriptions</u>		
Wrapping and despatch of MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" for above period and of Handbook for 1960	6.	0. 0.	Arrears	10.	10. 0.
Postage on MNASSA, "Sky and Telescope" and Handbook	59.	15. 0.	Current	559.	10. 0.
Library cupboard and expenses, and binding Star Charts	25.	1. 2.	Advance	37.	16. 0.
Nova Search Maps	6.	0. 0.		607.	16. 0.
Stationery	4.	4. 0.	Entrance Fees	38.	17. 0.
Postage other than above	8.	17. 0.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	1.	14. 0.
Addressograph plates	2.	15. 8.	Sale of MNASSA	27.	12. 6.
Essay Competition Prizes	15.	15. 0.	Sale of Handbooks	2.	8. 0.
Legal Expenses in respect of Natal Centre	3.	3. 0.	Sale of copies of "Unirversal Sundial"	-.	7. 0.
Wreath, Late H. C. Davies	2.	2. 0.	Sale of copy of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape "	-.	6. 6.
Refunds of subscriptions	3.	3. 0.	Advertising Revenue, MNASSA	2.	10. 0.
Investment of Forbes bequest in S.A.P.M. Bldg. Soc. 5½ shares	100.	0. 0.	Donations, including A. F. I. Forbes Bequest (100)	101.	8. 0.
Bank Charges	6.	2. 11.	Interest on Fixed Deposit	5.	12. 9.
Credit Balance at 10/6/1960	86.	12. 0.	Commission on cheques	1.	11. 5.
	£ 931.	8. 11.		£ 931.	8. 11.

In addition to the credit balance shown, an amount of £ 125. 0. 0. is held on Fixed Deposit at 4% by the Standard Bank, A.B.C. Branch.

Garrett Orpen  
Hon. Treasurer

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

Mr. W. R. D. Dunkhase, "Emblo", Alphen Hill, Wynberg, Cape.  
Mr. B. C. Harker, 5 Veronica Court, 109 Rietfontein Road, Primrose,  
Germiston, Transvaal.  
Dr. H. E. Williams Jones, 15 John Bailie Road, East London.  
Mr. J. Newlands, 132 Jan Hugo Street, Rietondale, Pretoria.  
Mr. P. J. Oosthuizen, 19 Smuts Avenue, Cinderella, Boksburg, Trans.

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

Mr. W. H. Cable, P.O. Box 1132, Johannesburg.  
T. K. Greenfield, "Mpumalanga", P.O. Box 8160. Causeway, Southern Rhodesia.

The election of a Student Member of the Cape Centre was confirmed of:

Master B. J. Cassidy, 14 Hopkins Street, Parow, Cape.

The Ballot for the Gill Medal was unanimously in favour of the person named, and for the Citation.

Subject to no further nominations being received before the 15th June, and subject to the consent of those named, the following will be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 27th July:

President	:	Professor G. G. Cillie
Vice-Presidents	:	Messrs. P. Smits, G. B. Anderson, M. D. Overbeek
Hon. Secretary	:	Mr. A. Menzies
Hon. Treasurer	:	Mr. G. Orpen
Members of Council	:	Drs. Stoy, Evans, Thackeray, Finsen
Hon. Auditors	:	Messrs. Johnston and Raphaely
Hon. Librarian	:	Mr. R. Lake

A letter received from Mr. Lincoln, Hon. Secretary for the Bloemfontein Centre, was read by the Hon. Secretary. The following Resolution was to be submitted for approval at a Meeting of that Centre:

" Any member who fails to pay his subscription to the Centre within three calendar months of due date shall cease to receive notices from the Centre until the subscription is paid".

Council had no objection to the resolution, and ruled that it dealt with a domestic matter.

A letter received from Mr. R. S. Tuffin, Director of the Nova Search Programme, was read by the Hon. Secretary. Two sets of sky maps from 0° to the South Pole had been produced, for use of observers. This was done through the good offices of Mr. A. Johnston of the Johannesburg Centre. The cost to the Society was £6. The negatives are the property of the Society.

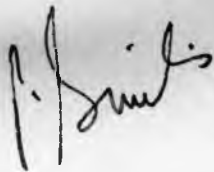
In a letter received by Mr. Smits, the Hon. Secretary of the Copperbelt Astronomical Society thanked Mr. Smits for photographs of "Astronomy in Britain" sent to Kitwe for exhibition at an astronomical display to be held in June, to celebrate the opening of the Society's own Observatory.

As the South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research require a 10/- subscription for the magazine "Research Review", it was decided to discontinue this publication.

Drs. Fernie and Le Roux were appointed Scrutineers of the essays received in the Essay Competition.

The next meeting of Council would be held on Wednesday 13th July, to receive the audited Financial Statement for the year, and to consider the Annual Report of Council.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.



A. Menzies  
Hon. Secretary