

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 13th July 1960 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Smits (in the Chair) Drs. Cousins and Kinman, Messrs. Orpen, Johnston, Meadows, Krumm and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Drs. Stoy, Evans and Fernie, and from Messrs. Russo, Churms, Bentley and Lake.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 10th June 1960 were read and confirmed.

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

Financial Statement for year ended 30th June, 1960

Expenditure	£	s.	d.	Receipts	£	s.	d.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope for year April 1959 to March 1960	364.	11.	4.	Credit Balance 1/7/59	137.	2.	3
Cost of production of M.N.A.S.S.A. and of Handbook	244.	10.	4.	<u>Subscriptions</u>			
Wrapping and despatch of M.N.A.S.S.A., Handbook and "Sky and Telescope"	6.	10.	0.	Arrears	10.	10.	0.
Postage on M.N.A.S.S.A., Handbook and Sky and Telescope".	65.	15.	0.	Current	567.	18.	0.
Library cupboard and expenses, and binding Star Charts	25.	1.	2.	Advance	<u>42.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Nova Search Maps	6.	0.	0.	Entrance Fees		38.	17.
Stationery	4.	4.	0.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"		1.	14.
Postage, other than above	9.	13.	4.	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.		28.	10.
Addressograph plates	2.	15.	8.	Sale of Handbooks		2.	8.
Essay Competition Prizes	15.	15.	0.	Sale of copies of "A Universal Sundial"		-	7.
Legal Expenses in respect of Natal Centre	3.	3.	0.	Sale of copy of "Sir John Herschel at the Cape"		-	6.
Wreath, Late H. C. Davies	2.	2.	0.	Advertising Revenue, M.N.A.S.S.A.		2.	10.
Refund of subscription overpaid	1.	1.	0.	A. F. I. Forbes Bequest	100.	0.	0.
Investment of Forbes bequest in building society 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ shares	100.	0.	0.	Other Donations		1.	11.
Bank Charges	9.	11.	0.	Interest on Fixed Deposit		5.	12.
Credit Balance 30/6/1960	80.	6.	0.	Commission on Cheques		1.	12.
	<u>£ 940.</u>	<u>18.</u>	<u>10.</u>			<u>£ 940.</u>	<u>18.</u>
						<u>10.</u>	

It should be noted that, in addition to the credit balance shown, there is an amount of £ 125. 0. 0. held on Fixed Deposit by the Standard Bank, A.B.C. Branch, Cape Town, and that the Forbes Bequest of £ 100. 0. 0. has been invested in building society shares at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.

Garrett Orpen  
Hon. Treasurer

W. Schirach and R. J. Johnston  
Hon. Auditors

The following was elected subject to publication of his name in the Monthly Notes and no objection being received within a month:

Mr. C. J. B. Collins, "Clynder", Gibson Road, Kenilworth, Cape.

Moved by Mr. Krumm, seconded by Mr. Orpen it was resolved that in future no nominations for membership of the Society would be considered unless the Nomination Form is accompanied by the Entrance Fee and first subscription.

Dr. Fernie, a scrutineer for the Essay Competition, had placed the following: 1st Solomon., 2nd Cole., 3rd Knox-Shaw, Mr. Smits informed the meeting.

Professor le Roux had placed: 1st Cole., 2nd Knox-Shaw., 3rd Solomon.

Council, after debate, decided on the following:

1st Prize: Cole

2nd Prize: Knox-Shaw

Two 3rd Prizes: Solomon and Rosenthal

In the under - 15 group only one entry had been received and a First Prize was awarded to 'Sack'.

The draft Annual Report was read by the Hon. Secretary, and after amendment was adopted.

It was decided that elections of members made subject to publication of names in the Monthly Notes would in future be published as nominations received, and the election would be published in the following issue of the Notes.

As no further nominations for members of Council had been received, the names appearing in the Minutes of Council meeting held on the 10th June 1960 would be declared elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 27th July 1960.

The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

A. Menzies  
Hon. Secretary

*To be signed by  
Dr. Collins*