

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 29th August 1960 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Professor Cillie (in the Chair) Drs. Stoy, Cousins, Fernie, Messrs. Krumm, Orpen, Smits, Bentley, Russo and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Evans, Mr. Meadows, and Mr. Lake. Dr. Evans and Mr. Meadows were both overseas, while Mr. Lake was on observing duty.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 13th July 1960 were read and confirmed.

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

Financial Statement on 29th August, 1960

Expenditure			Receipts		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to June 1960	100.	12. 5.	Credit Balance 1/7/1960	80.	6. 0.
Cost of production of MNASSA July to August 1960	26.	12. 10.	Subscriptions		
Wrapping and despatch of MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope", above period	1.	0. 0.	Arrears	6.	6. 0.
Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" for above period	10.	10. 0.	Current	268.	16. 0.
Addressograph plates	-.	6. 11.	Advance	3.	3. 0.
Essay Competition Prizes	13.	13. 0.	Entrance Fees	278.	5. 0.
Engraving Gill Medal	-.	12. 6.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	9.	9. 0.
Repairs to duplicator	7.	14. 0.	Sale of MNASSA	1.	1. 0.
Stationery	33.	0. 9.	Sale of Handbooks	-.	17. 6.
Postage, other than above	1.	10. 0.	Commission on cheques	-.	2. 0.
Credit Balance 29/8/1960	175.	16. 1.		1.	8. 0.
	£	371. 8. 6.		£	371. 8. 6.

In addition to the credit balance shown, there is an amount of £125. held on Fixed Deposit by the Standard Bank, A.B.C. Branch, Cape Town, and the Forbes Bequest of £100. has been invested in Building Society shares at 5½%.

Garrett Orpen

Hon. Treasurer

The adoption was proposed by Mr. Smits, seconded by Dr. Fernie, and passed by the meeting.

The election as an Associate of the above Society was confirmed of Mr. D. Dalton, P.O. Box 1014, Johannesburg.

The election as Student Members was confirmed of :

Mr. G. Labuschagne, 31 Paul Kruger Street, Capital Park, Pretoria.

Miss J. Jeffery, 8 Konig Avenue, Horison, Roodepoort, Transvaal.

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

Mr. A. L. Murphy, 404 Rusdon Park, College Road, Rondebosch.

Mr. C. J. Karouz, 14 Van Dort Street, Malvern East Ex., Primrose Hill, Germiston,

Mr. A. C. Haasbroek, P.O. Box 1132, Johannesburg. Tvl.

Mr. C. R. Jacobs, Broadacres, P.O. Bryanston, Transvaal.

Subject to the consent of the Council members concerned, the following Alternates were appointed:

Mr. W. Bentley	for	Mr. G. B. Anderson
Mr. H. E. Krumm	"	Mr. M. D. Overbeek
Mr. T. W. Russo	"	Dr. A. D. Thackeray
Dr. J. D. Fernie	"	Dr. W. S. Finsen
Dr. A. W. J. Cousins	"	Mr. N. Lincoln
Mr. P. L. Meadows	"	Mr. H. Ottens (no longer full member)
Mr. J. C. Loon	"	Mr. J. C. Bentley
Mr. J. Churms	"	Transvaal Representative (Mr H.C. Lagerweij)

Mr. R. P. de Kock was reappointed Director of the Variable Star Section, and Mr. R. S. Tuffin of the Nova Search Section.

Mr. R. Lake was reappointed Librarian, while the Library Committee was elected as follows, with power to co-opt further members: Messrs. Churms, Krumm, Meadows, and Smits.

It was resolved that an Essay Competition be held early in 1961, the prizes to be: over 15 years: 1st Prize 10 Rands, 2nd Prize 5 Rands, 3rd Prize 2 Rands. under 15 years: 1st Prize 6 Rands, 2nd Prize 4 Rands, 3rd Prize 2 Rands. The astronomical subjects eligible for the competition were to be explicitly stated for the benefit of intending competitors.

It was decided to publish a Handbook for 1961. Occultation predictions would be given for the same centres as for the 1960 edition. A list of members will be published at the end of the Handbook.

Sunrise and Sunset tables, with rules for finding the times of Twilight, will be published for 10-day intervals, in the Handbook.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary

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