

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on
Wednesday 21st December 1960 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Overbeek (in the chair) Drs. Stoy, Evans, Cousins, Fernie,
Messrs Meadows, Bentley, Russo, Churms, Johnston, Orpen, Smits, and the Hon.
Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs Krumm and Loon.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 29th August 1960 were read
and confirmed.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
21st DECEMBER, 1960.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for period April to Sept. 1960	200. 4. 11.	Credit Balance, 1.7.60	80. 6. --
Cost of production of M.N.A.S. S.A. July to November 1960	96. 14. 2.	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Wrapping and despatch of M.N.A.S.S.A. and "Sky & Telescope" for above period	2. --. --.	Arrears	6. 6. --.
Postage on M.N.A.S.S.A. and "Sky & Telescope" for above period	21. 10. --.	Current	561. 15. --.
Addressograph plates and ribbons	1. 7. 11.	Advance	<u>3. 3. --.</u> 571. 4. --.
Essay Competition Prizes	13. 13. --.	Entrance Fees	17. 17. --.
Engraving Gill Medal	--. 12. 6.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky & Telescope"	1. 1. --.
Repairs to duplicator	7. 14. --.	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	4. 15. --.
Stationery	39. 10. 3.	Sale of Handbooks	--. 15. --.
Postage, other than above	3. 10. --.	Donations	--. 18. --.
Bank charges	1. 15. 9.	Interest on S.A.P.M. Shares to Sept. 1960	2. 1. 3.
Credit Balance, 21.2.60	<u>292. 7. 3.</u>	Commission on cheques	2. 2. 6.
	<u>£680. 19. 9.</u>		<u>£680. 19. 9.</u>

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 £100.0.0. has been invested in Building Society shares at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$

(Sgd) Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

On the motion of Dr. Evans seconded by Mr. Smits, the Financial Statement
was adopted by the meeting.

It was suggested that
Subscriptions: From 1st July 1961, the subscription would be 5 Rand, and
Entrance Fee 2.50 Rand. Carried unanimously.

Dr. Stoy reported that the Handbook was ready for distribution to members.

Members of Council agreed to copies of the Handbook being sent to the Planetarium of Cape Town for sale to the public.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to obtain from the General Post Office the regulations governing the registration of publications as a newspaper.

It was agreed that £2 be spent on collating the Monthly Notes for December and January.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to send the Sedaven Astronomical Society a copy of the Monthly Notes, Sky and Telescope, the Handbook, and a Nomination Form.

The appointment of a Director of the Computing Section was discussed, and Mr. van Zyl of the Transvaal was mentioned as a candidate for the position.

Drs. Thackeray and Feast were elected to represent the Society at a conference to be held at Pretoria by the C.S.I.R., on the publication of the results of research.

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

Mr. D.S. Bekker, Braehead Residential Hotel, Hillbrow Road, Kenilworth.

Mr. J.D.W. Staal, F.R.A.S., Johannesburg Planetarium, Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg.

Mr. T.E. Geary 74 8th Street, Parkhurst, Johannesburg.

The Hon. Colin Stamp, P.O. Box 9395, Johannesburg.

Mr. S.A. Hyatt, P.O. Box 215, Windhoek, S.W.A.

Mr. P.R. Warren, 33 Ridge Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

Mr. W.F. Oberem, Lake Hotel, Florida, Transvaal.

Mr. S.F.H.J. Archer, Physics Department, Rhodes University, Grahamstown.

Mr. F. Margo, 44 Donegal Avenue, Parkview, Johannesburg.

The election was confirmed of the following Associate:

Mr. I. Margo, 44 Donegal Avenue, Parkview, Johannesburg.

Mr. Overbeek reported that a flourishing astronomical Society existed at Nairobi in Kenya. On receipt of the address of this Society, the Hon. Secretary was to send them a copy of the Constitution, Handbook, and Sky and Telescope, together with a Nomination Form.

It was decided to continue sending M.N.A.S.S.A. to the Rev. G. van Rensburg of Warmbaths Transvaal, from July 1961, for long membership and illness.

The meeting ended at 10 p.m.

A. Menzies.

Hon. Secretary.

G. G. Bullen
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