

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 12th June 1961 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Cillie (in the Chair), Drs. Stoy, Fernie and Cousins; Messrs. Bentley, Krumm, Johnston, Meadows, Churms, Orpen and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs Loon, Russo, Smits and from Dr. Evans.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 20th March 1961 were read and after amendment, confirmed, on the motion of Mr. Krumm, seconded by Mr. Bentley.

Arising out of the Minutes the Hon. Secretary read a letter received from Dr. Pelletier, who was willing to act as Director of the Nova Section to the end of the year.

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

Financial Statement as on 12th June, 1961

Expenditure	£	s.	d.	Receipts	£	s.	d.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April 1960 to March 1961	395.	11.	3.	Credit Balance, 1/7/1960	80.	6.	0.
Cost of production of MNASSA for period July 1960 to May 1961, and of Handbook	243.	8.	4.	<u>Subscriptions</u>			
Wrapping and Despatch of MNASSA, Handbook and "Sky and Telescope" for above period	6.	10.	0.	Arrears	6.	6.	0.
Postage on MNASSA, Handbook and "Sky and Telescope" for same period	59.	0.	0.	Current	590.	2.	0.
Essay Competition Prizes	13.	13.	0.	Advance	11.	6.	0.
Gill Medal (engraving)	-	12.	6.	Entrance Fees		30.	8.
Addressograph plates and ribbons	2.	17.	8.	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	1.	1.	0.
Repairs to duplicator	7.	14.	0.	Sale of MNASSA	26.	10.	0.
Stationery	39.	10.	3.	Reprints of MNASSA	10.	0.	0.
Postage, other than above	4.	0.	0.	Sale of Handbooks	2.	1.	0.
Bank Charges	5.	14.	9.	Donations	3.	0.	0.
Credit Balance at 12/6/61	19.	9.	3.	Interest on S.A.P.M. shares	4.	16.	3.
				Interest on Fixed Deposit	5.	0.	0.
				Withdrawal of portion of amount previously placed on Fixed Deposit	25.	0.	0.
				Commission on cheques	2.	4.	9.
	<u>£ 798.</u>	<u>14.</u>	<u>6.</u>		<u>£ 798.</u>	<u>14.</u>	<u>6.</u>

As shown above £25 of the £125 previously placed on Fixed Deposit was withdrawn on 28th March, 1961, leaving £100. 0. 0. on Fixed Deposit with the Standard Bank, A.B.C. Branch, Cape Town. In addition to this the A.F.I. Forbes bequest of £100.0.0. is invested in Building Society shares at 5½%.

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer

← Membership fees

As no objection had been received to the proposed new subscriptions, the subscriptions for 1961 - 62 are as follows:

For Members, R5 .00., plus an Entrance Fee of R2 .50 for new Members.

The Financial Statement was adopted, proposed by Dr. Fernie, seconded by Mr. Johnston.

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

- Mr. F. K. Kreuiter, 240 Soutter Street, Pretoria West, Tvl.
- Mr. R. C. Papadopoulos, 22 Waterfall Road, Westcliff, Johannesburg, Tvl.
- Mr. D. H. Mills, 130 Pretoria Avenue, Robindale, Johannesburg, Tvl.
- Mr. P. Solnick, P.O. Box 2736, Johannesburg, Tvl.

The election as Student Member of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed of Mr. C. J. de Vleeschauwer, Kingston Laan 40, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, Tvl.

The election of Associate of the Cape Centre was confirmed of Miss U. M. Lacey, Hiddingh Hall Library, Orange Street, Cape Town.

A Nomination Form received from Mr. A. J. Moran, a past Member, was handed to Mr. Orpen, who would send Mr. Moran an account for subscriptions owing to the Society, to be paid prior to re-instatement.

Only four entries from pupils over 15 years and two from under 15 years had been received in the Essay Competition, for which Professors le Roux and Cillie were appointed Scrutineers. (Proposed Mr. Orpen, seconded Mr. Meadows).

Subject to no further nominations being received before the 15th June, the following will be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 26th July:

- President: Mr. M. D. Overbeek (proposed Mr. Smits, seconded Mr. Menzies)
- Vice-Presidents: Professor Cillie, Mr. P. Smits, Dr. A. J. Wesselink
- Members of Council: Drs. Stoy, Evans, Thackeray, Einsen
- Hon. Secretary: Mr. Menzies
- Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Orpen
- Hon. Auditors: Messrs Johnston and Raphaely
- Hon. Librarian: Mr. Churms

Mr. Orpen said that 21 members were in arrears with their subscriptions, and that registered letters would be sent to these members. Should no reply be received before 15th July their names would be removed from the list of Members.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to remind the Hon. Secretaries of Centres and Directors of Observing Sections, to send in their Annual Reports in time for the Annual General Meeting on July 26.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

P. Smits

A. Menzies
Hon. Secretary