

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 25th July 1962 at 8.00 p.m.

Mr. P. Smits presided. There were 29 persons present. Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. Overbeek and Hurly.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 26th July 1961 were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement, presented and read by Mr. Orpen was adopted on the motion of Dr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Meadows, and was as follows:

Financial Statement for year ended 30th June, 1962

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscriptions to "Sky and Telescope" for year April 1961 to March 1962	739. 58	Credit Balance at 1/7/1962	46. 13
Cost of Production of MNASSA (including reprints for Radcliffe Observatory) for year ended 30/6/62 and of Handbook for 1962	542. 18	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on MNASSA, Handbook, and "Sky and Telescope"	144. 80	Arrears	29. 75
Postage, other than above	18. 19	Current	1300. 50
Stationery	13. 22	Advance	<u>112. 20</u>
Essay Competition Prizes	12. 00	Entrance Fees	80. 25
Addressograph plates and ribbons	6. 31	Sale of back and extra Nos. of "Sky and Telescope"	2. 10
Purchase of Duplicator	264. 00	Sale of MNASSA	110. 69
Fire Insurance of Society's Property at Royal Observatory	1. 05	Sale of Handbooks	3. 60
Bank Charges	19. 50	Sale of Booklets by Mr. D. G. McIntyre	0. 85
Credit Balance at 30/6/62	187. 98	Sale of copies of "A Universal Sundial"	1. 85
		Sale of Library Book	5. 00
		Donations	3. 64
		Interest of Building Society Shares	11. 75
		Interest on Fixed Deposit	8. 00
		Withdrawal of Balance of amount held on Fixed Deposit	200. 00
		Reimbursement by Radcliffe Observatory of cost of Reprints of MNASSA	30. 00
		Commission on cheques	2. 50
	<u>R 1948. 81</u>		<u>R 1948. 81</u>

In addition to the Credit Balance shown above the Forbes Bequest of R200. 00 is invested in Building Society Shares on which the interest rate is now 6%.

Garrett Orpen  
Hon. Treasurer

Hon. Auditors M. Raphaely and W. W. Bentley.

AUDITORS' NOTE: The above Revenue and Expenditure Statement does not take into account subscription due to "Sky and Telescope" for April, May and June, ( R191. 63 ) paid in July, and half a year's depreciation on the Society's duplicator - R26. 40.

The Society stands possessed of the above duplicator, an epidiascope, screen and books and stationery, which are in the kind custody of Her Majesty's Astronomer and are insured by the Society for R600.

Mr. Smits, on behalf of members, thanked Mr. Orpen for his work during the year as Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Raphaely and Bentley, for checking the Financial Statement.

Mr. P. L. Meadows, one of the judges in the Forbes Essay Competition announced the following prize-winners:

Over 15 years

First Prize (10 Rand) J. A. Shillington, Graeme College, Grahamstown.

Under 15 years

First Prize ( 6 Rand) F. A. Shillington, Graeme College, Grahamstown.

Second Prize (4 Rand) A. Guelke (Ptolemy) Diocesan College, Rondebosch.

Third Prize ( 2 Rand) J. Mare, Jappe High School, Johannesburg.

The Annual Report of Council, read by Mr. Smits, was adopted, proposed by Dr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Churms.

Mr. Smits informed members that the ballot on proposed amendments to the Constitution to enable Council to elect Corresponding Members, had been as follows: for, 53; against, 4.

The amendments were declared carried.

The Bloemfontein Centre Annual Report, presented by Mr. Lincoln, was read by Mr. Krumm, who read the Variable Star Section Report, presented by Mr. de Kock. The Comet and Meteor Section Report, presented by Mr. Venter, was also read by Mr. Krumm.

The Nova Search Section Report, presented by Mr. Dawson, was read by Dr. Evans.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to convey the thanks of the Society to Directors of Observing Sections for their work during the year.

Mr. Bentley read the Port Elizabeth Centre Report, presented by Mr. J. C. Bentley.

Dr. Fuhr read the Chairman's Report of the Transvaal Centre. Mr. Smits who was present at the Annual Meeting of that Centre conveyed the greetings and good wishes of the Transvaal Centre to members at the Cape.

As only sufficient nominations to fill the offices had been received, the following were declared elected for the Session 1962-1963:

President	:	Dr. Wesselink
Vice-Presidents	:	Messrs. Churms, Smits and Morrisby
Hon. Secretary	:	Mr. Menzies
Hon. Treasurer	:	Mr. Orpen
Hon. Librarian	:	Mr. Churms
Hon. Auditors	:	Messrs. Raphaely and Bentley
Members of Council	:	Drs. Stoy, Evans, Thackeray and Cillie

A letter from Dr. Wesselink who felt it would be an honour to be elected President, was read by Mr. Smits, who read a letter received from Mr. Morrisby who accepted nomination as Vice-President with pleasure.

Dr. Courtes delivered an illustrated address on "H II Regions, Galactic and Extragalactic Structures". At the conclusion of the talk Dr. Evans proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was passed in the usual manner.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

A. Menzies  
Hon. Secretary

