

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 1963 January 28 at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Stoy and Messrs Smits and Raphaely.

Present: Mr. Churms (in the Chair), Dr. Cousins, Dr. Evans, Dr. Fuhr, Messrs Russo, Orpen, Bentley, Lagerweij, Krumm, Meadows and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 5th November 1962 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes a discussion took place on the payment of fees of Transvaal members. A letter from Mr. Mollink was read to the meeting. A proposal that the subscription should be raised to R6.00 for every Member, to include the Centre subscription, was rejected.

It was resolved to implement the relevant article in the Constitution, and that all Society subscriptions should be paid direct to the Treasurer of the Society. Proposed by Mr. Meadows, seconded by Dr. Evans, and carried.

The Financial Statement read and presented by Mr. Orpen, was as follows:-

Financial Statement as on 28th January, 1963

Expenditure	R.	c.	Receipts	R.	c.
Subscriptions to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to December 1962	566	87	Credit Balance, 1/7/62	187	98
Cost of production of MNASSA for period July to December 1962, and of Handbook and Solar Eclipse Booklets	316	28	<u>Subscriptions</u>		
Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" for period July to December 1962 and on Handbook	119	79	Arrears	20	80
Stationery	35	03	Current	1251	70
Postage, other than above	12	51	Advance	<u>50</u>	<u>00</u>
Addressograph Plates	3	08	Entrance Fees	55	00
Purchase of Library Book to replace one sold for R5.00	4	66	Sale of MNASSA	70	26
Essay Competition Prizes	22	00	Sale of Handbooks	3	13
Bank Charges	11	25	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	17	80
Credit Balance at 28/1/63	601	01	Sale of Eclipse Booklets	25	05
			Donations	2	20
			Interest on Building Society Shares	6	00
			Commission on Cheques	2	56
	<u>R 1692</u>	<u>48</u>		<u>R 1692</u>	<u>48</u>

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer

The Statement was adopted.

Dr. Evans said that nearly 500 booklets on the Annular Eclipse on January 25th had been sold. A vote of thanks to the Computing Section and to Dr. Evans for producing the booklet, was passed by the meeting.

Mr. Krumm reported increasing sales of MNASSA.

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

Mr. T. M. Bisschoff, 45 Trollip Road, Brenthurst, Brakpan, Transvaal.

Mr. G. H. Labuscagne, 311 Paul Kruger Street, Capital Park, Pretoria.

Mr. G. W. H. Perrins, 142 Queens Road, P.O. Bryanston, Johannesburg.

Mr. C. J. Poole, P.O. Box 9411, Johannesburg.

The following were elected subject to their names appearing in the Monthly Notes.

Mr. K. J. Sterling, 300 Flowers Street, Capital Park, Pretoria.

Mr. P. Hayes, 125 Jan Hugo Street, Rietondale, Pretoria.

Mr. H. L. Studi, 15 Oval Street, Blyvooruitsicht, Transvaal.

A letter from Mr. C. B. Anderson of Johannesburg complaining of the flimsy covering of the Monthly Notes and Sky and Telescope, was read by the Hon. Secretary, who was asked to obtain quotations for a better quality paper for the envelopes used for despatch of publications.

It was decided to publish in MNASSA the subscription rates for the new Irish Astronomical Journal to be published from March 1963 onwards.

The meeting ended at 10.45 p.m.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary

J. Krumm
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