

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 1963 April 3 at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs Russo, Bondiotti and Meadows.

Present: (in the Chair) Mr. Churms, Drs. Cousins, Evans and Stoy; Messrs Orpen, Lagerweij, Krumm, Smits, Raphaely, Bentley and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 28th January 1963 were read and confirmed, on the motion of Dr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Bentley.

Arising out of the Minutes the Hon. Secretary read a reply from Assegai-Paper Bag Works, who said that they do not stock a heavier Kraft paper for envelopes for the wrapping of Sky and Telescope and MNASSA.

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

Financial Statement as on 1963 April 3

<u>Expenditure</u>	R. c.	<u>Receipts</u>	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April 1962 to March 1963	756 77	Credit Balance, 1/7/1962	187 00
Cost of production of MNASSA for the period July 1962 to March 1963 and of Handbook and Solar Eclipse Booklets	393 86	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" for period July 1962 to March 1963 and on Handbook	132 79	Arrears	23 80
Stationery	35 88	Current	1281 70
Postage, other than above	19 78	Advance	<u>57 50</u>
Addressograph plates	6 22	Entrance Fees	70 00
Purchase of Library Book to replace one sold for R5 00	4 66	Sale of MNASSA	125 11
Essay Competition Prizes	22 00	Sale of Handbooks	6 40
Bank Charges	11 44	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	22 50
Credit Balance 3/4/1963	466 78	Sale of Eclipse Booklets	58 35
		Donations	2 20
		Interest on Building Society Shares	12 00
		Commission on Cheques	2 64
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Garrett Orpen,
Hon. Treasurer.

The Financial Statement was adopted on the motion of Mr. Smits and seconded by Dr. Evans.

The following were elected as Members subject to their names appearing in the Monthly Notes, and no objection being received within a month:

Mr. W. H. Routledge, Box 1459, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. F. Irving-Brown, 9 Frara Drive, Pinetown, Natal.

Mr. J. Wolterbeek-Müller, Maths. Dept., University of South Africa,
P. O. Box 392, Pretoria.

Selborne Primary School, Dawson Road, East London. (as an Institutional
Member)

Mr. J. F. H. Lüttich, 5 Kemlands, Barnard Street, Bellville, Cape.

Mr. D. J. Joubert, "Sterkstroom", P. O. Box 345, Louis Trichardt, Tvl..

Mr. M. G. Eksteen, P. O. Box 111, Sannieshof, Transvaal.

By 9 votes to 2, Council agreed to the reply sent by the Hon. Secretary to Mr. H. V. Morton of Somerset West, who wished to rejoin the Society from January 1963. The Hon. Secretary had written in reply that on receipt of a year's subscription, namely 5 rand, Mr. Morton would be re-instated as Member from January 1963.

Mr. Venter in a letter to the Hon. Secretary said that he and Mr. Bennett had helped the Pretoria Teachers' Circle (coloured) to erect and work a telescope donated by the late Mrs. Hastings, a former Society member. The Hon. Secretary was asked to commend these gentlemen for their work in helping the Teachers' Circle.

A committee consisting of Dr. Evans and the Hon. Secretary was elected to reply to a questionnaire received from the South African Nature Union on the aims and objects of the Astronomical Society.

A copy of the 1963 Handbook was sent, as all the relevant information was to be found on the covers of the book.

A letter from Mr. Bell the Hon. Secretary of the Transvaal Centre of the Society, was read to the meeting. The address of the Transvaal Centre has been changed to c/o The Planetarium, Milner Park, Johannesburg.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister, who said it would be appreciated if his office could be notified of future meeting or conferences which might be of importance to them. Any supplementary information forwarded to his office would be greatly valued.

A letter received from the Land Surveyors' Institute of the Cape Province was read. There was to be a second National Conference of South African Surveyors in February 1964, and the Hon. Secretary was asked to bring the advance Notice to the attention of all interested Members of the Society.

The meeting ended at 10.00 p.m., after members had wished Mr. Churms who was leaving for England on leave in a few Day's time, 'bon voyage'.

A. Menzies,
Hon. Secretary.

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