

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday  
1st July 1963 at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies for absence had been received from Drs. Stoy, and Evans, Messrs Russo, Meadows, and Raphaely.

Present: Mr. Smits ( in the Chair ), Drs. Cousins and Fuhr, Messrs Bondiotti, Bentley, Orpen, Krumm, Lagerweij and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 21st May 1963 were taken as read and confirmed.

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

## Financial Statement as on 1st July, 1963

Expenditure	R. c.		Receipts	R. c.	
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April 1962 to March 1963	756	77	Credit Balance 1/7/62	187	98
Cost of production of MNASSA for the period July 1962 to May 1963 and of Handbook and Solar Eclipse Booklets	504	51	<u>Subscriptions</u>		
			Arrears	23	80
			Current	1301	70
			Advance	120	00
				1445	50
Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" for period July 1962 to May 1963 and of Handbook	176	79	Entrance Fees	87	50
Stationery	37	28	Sale of MNASSA	148	19
Postage, other than above	21	43	Sale of Handbooks	6	40
Addressograph plates	7	18	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	25	55
Purchase of Library Book to replace one sold for R5.00	4	66	Sale of Eclipse Booklets	58	35
Essay Competition Prizes	22	00	Donations	3	20
Insurance Premium on Society's Property	0	80	Interest on Building Society Shares	12	00
Bank Charges	15	26	Commission on Cheques	3	02
Credit Balance at 30/6/63	431	26	Sale of copy of "A Universal Sundial" (omitted above)	0	25
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This will be the approximate position at the close of the Financial Year, the only difference expected being in the Bank Charges.

Garrett Orpen  
Hon. Treasurer.

The Financial Statement was adopted.

The following were elected Members subject to their names appearing in MNASSA and no objection being received within a month:

Mr. K. A. Wynn, 2 Holdengarde Avenue, Hillside, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.

Master G. Booth, 14 Oakdale Road, Newlands, Cape.

Mr. A. Leiman, P. O. Box 1772, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. W. R. Atkins, 17 Bristol Road, Parkwood, Johannesburg.

As only sufficient nominations to fill the offices had been received, the following will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

President : Mr. A. G. F. Morrisby  
Vice-Presidents : Dr. Wesselink, Messrs Lagerweij, and Bruwer.  
Hon. Secretary : Mr. Menzies  
Hon. Treasurer : Mr. Orpen  
Members of Council: Drs. Stoy, Evans, Thackeray, Mr. Smits.

Forbes Essay Competition: Four entries had been received, and Professor Cillie and Mr. Meadows were appointed as examiners.

The Hon. Secretary reported the receipt of a reprint from the "Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society" of the memoir of the Late Sir Harold Spencer Jones, F.R.S., from the Royal Society.

Dr. Cousins reported the gift of a 3-inch Cooke refractor complete with tripod and eye-pieces from Mr. D. G. McIntyre, and the Hon. Secretary was asked to convey the thanks of the members to Mr. McIntyre for his very useful gift.

A letter from Mr. Meadows asking that Council meetings be held on a definite date each month was read by the Chairman, Mr. Smits. Members were asked their views on a suitable day of the week for meetings, and after some discussion it was decided that Wednesday evenings were the most suitable.

The ballot on the Gill Medal Award was unanimously in favour of Dr. A. W. J. Cousins and of the Citation. Messrs Krumm and Bentley acted as scrutineers.

A letter received from Mr. Bell was read by Mr. Smits. Mr. Bell had been appointed Transvaal Centre representative on the Council.

The receipt of the Minutes of a Transvaal Centre Committee meeting held on the 4th June was acknowledged.

The draft Annual Report was considered and alterations and additions made.

The meeting ended at 10.20 p.m.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary.

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