

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 28th August 1963 at 8.00.P.M.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr.Fuhr and Mr.Krumm, who had been ill, from Mr.Bondietti, Mr.Churns and Mr.Raphaely. + Mr Smiths

Present: Mr.Lagerweij (in the chair), Dr's.Stoy,Evans,Cousins, Messrs Russo, Bentley, Meadows, Orpen and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 1st July 1963 were read and confirmed.

Dr.Evans referred to irregularities in the minuting of events leading to the award of the Gill Medal for 1963.

Arising out of the Minutes Council agreed to holding its meetings as far as possible on the first Wednesday of a month.

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

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	R. C.	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	R. C.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to June 1963	194 - 13	Credit Balance 1/7/1963	427-03
Cost of production of M.N.A.S.S.A. for June and July 1963.	91 - 78	<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Postage on M.N.A.S.S.A. and "Sky & Telescope" for June & July 1963	16 - 50	Arrears 5 - 80	
Postage, other than above	3 - 32	Current 692- 50	
Addressograph plates	1 - 26	Advance 7- 50	705-80
Essay Competition Prizes	19 - 00	Entrance Fees	17-50
Credit Balance at 28/8/1963	840 - 32	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	8-47
		Sale of Handbooks	2-30
		Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky & Telescope"	2-10
		Donations	1-00
		Commission on cheques	2-11
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The Financial Statement was adopted.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that Mr.J.J. Conradie had resigned from the Society, but had paid his subscription up to date. The Hon.Secretary was asked to send this member as complete a set of back numbers of Sky & Telescope to the end of June, as possible.

The following Alternates were appointed.

Mr.Meadows for Mr.Morrisby.
 Dr.Cousins for Dr.Wesselink
 Dr.Fuhr for Mr.Bruwer.
 Mr.Russo for Dr.Thackeray.
 Mr.Churns for Mr.Bell
 Mr.Krumm for Mr.Lincoln.
 Mr.Bondietti for Natal Centre representative.
 Mr.Atkins for Port Elizabeth representative.

Dr. Evans informed members of the illness of Dr. Wesselink. The Hon. Secretary was asked to convey the sympathy of members and hopes of Dr. Wesselink's speedy recovery.

It was decided to publish a Handbook for 1964. Mr.Meadows offered to check the co-ordinates of observatories as given in the Handbook.

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It was moved by Dr. Stoy seconded by Dr. Evans and passed by Council, that Mr. McIntyre's telescope be loaned to Mr. Lagerweij for two years.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to order six Gill Medals from the Mint at Pretoria.

A letter to Mr. Smits by Mr. Raphaely was read by Mr. Lagerweij. A letter of appreciation and thanks for the award of the Gill Medal was received by the Hon. Secretary from Dr. Cousins and read by Mr. Lagerweij.

A letter from Mr. Morrisby to the Hon. Secretary was read. Mr. Morrisby said that he would be coming to the Cape in December with his family and hoped to visit members during his stay.

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

Mr. I. Norval, Durban Row, P.O. Box 87, Colesberg, C.P.
Mr. N.O. Neale, "Dalsersf", Hardwick Road, Newlands, C.P.
Mr. V. Elliott, 6 Erica Street, Milnerton, Cape.
Mrs. O. Barrett, 63 Jeffcoat Avenue, Bergvliet, Cape
Mr. K.A. Gottschalk, "Wharfedale", Wembley Avenue, Plumstead, Cape.
Mr. C.F. Hayes, P.O. Box 10, Little Brak River, C.P.

The meeting ended at 9.40.P.M.

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Hon. Secretary.

J.H. Lagerweij