

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 6th November 1963 at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Cousins, Mr. Russo and Dr. Fuhr who would be late for the meeting.

Present: Mr. Lagerweij (in the Chair), Drs. Stoy, Evans, Fuhr, Messrs. Churms, Orpen, Meadows, Smits, Krumm, Bentley, Atkins, Bondietti and the Honorary Secretary.

Before starting the business for the evening, Mr. Lagerweij welcomed Mr. Atkins to the Council.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 28th August 1963 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. Meadows reported that the co-ordinates of observatories as given in the Handbook had been checked by him.

Letters agreeing to the Alternates appointed had been received from Messrs Lincoln (Krumm), Bell (Churms), Morrisby (Meadows), Bruwer (Fuhr) and from Dr. Wesselink (Cousins).

Dr. Wesselink's letter of thanks for good wishes for his recovery from his recent illness was read to the meeting by the Hon. Secretary.

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

Financial Statement as at 4th November, 1963

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to September 1963	388. 52	Credit Balance 1/7/1963	427. 03
Cost of production of MNASSA for period June to October 1963	149. 52	Subscriptions	
Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" for period June to October 1963	53. 00	Arrears	5. 80
Postage, other than above	6. 67	Current	1117. 00
Addressograph Plates	3. 85	Advance	<u>32. 50</u>
Essay Competition Prizes	19. 00	Entrance Fees	25. 00
Payment to S.A. Mint for six Gill Medals	25. 80	Sale of MNASSA	17. 82
<i>credit balance at 4/4/63</i>	<i>994 14</i>	Sale of Handbooks	2. 90
	<hr/>	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	2. 10
	R1640. 50	Donations	2. 00
	<hr/>	Interest on Building Society Share, half year	5. 50
		Commission on Cheques	2. 85
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Garrett Orpen

Hon. Treasurer

The Statement was adopted.

Mr. Bondietti drew members' attention to a notice in "Sky and Telescope" referring to an increase in the subscription. Mr. Krumm said that no notice of such an increase had been received by him. Council moved that Mr. Krumm write to enquire about the proposed increase. This was agreed to.

Mr. Orpen reported that the following were to be removed from the roll of the Society, in terms of the Constitution, for non-payment of dues: Messrs. Abrahams, Broughton, Bryant, Capatos, de Freitas Mourao, Dr. de Toit, Messrs. Fairley, McEvoy, Nel, O'Brien, van Loggerenberg, Wagner and Wilcocks.

Council agreed that back numbers of MNASSA be completed in numbers per volume from Volume 16 onwards.

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

Mr. P. Keuris, 58/B Kellner Street, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.
Rev. A. Putter, P. O. Box 11, Northam, Transvaal.

The following was elected a Member subject to the name appearing in MNASSA and no objection being received within a month:

Mr. R. J. Müller, 2 Reservoir Road, Queenstown, C.P.

The election as Associates of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed of the following:

Mrs P. J. J. Maurick, 8 Eider Road, Florida Lake, Transvaal.
Mr. N. G. MacDonald, 4 Uxbridge Court, St. Georges Street, Bellevue,
Johannesburg.

It was noted that Mr. R. Atkins, 17 Bristol Road, Parkwood, Johannesburg had been elected a Student Member of the Transvaal Centre.

Mr. Bondietti was appointed Librarian. Members said that the Society's Library should possess a complete file of MNASSA.

A request for back numbers of MNASSA, received from Ole Rømer, Observatory, Aarhus, Denmark, was handed to Mr. Krumm.

The meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary



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Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 12th February 1964 at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Evans and Messrs. Russo and Orpen.

Present: Mr. Lagerweij (in the Chair), Drs. Stoy, Cousins and Fuhr, Messrs. Bentley, Atkins, Churms, Smits, Krumm, Bondietti and the Hon. Secretary.

Dr. Stoy informed members of the death of Dr. H. L. Alden, a former President of the Society and an Honorary Member of long standing. The Hon. Secretary was asked to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Alden.

Members were also informed of the death of Miss Joan Belden-Flux, a former member of the Society.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 6th November 1963 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes the Hon. Secretary reported that several numbers of MNASSA from Volume 16 Nos. 1&2 to date were either in short supply or no longer in stock.

It was decided to ask members for back numbers of which none or very few were in stock.

Mr. Krumm reported that the subscription to Sky and Telescope would be increased by 5 cents (American) per copy, but only from 1st January 1965.

In the absence of Mr. Orpen, the Financial Statement presented by Mr. Orpen was read by the Hon. Secretary and was as follows:

Financial Statement as at February 7, 1964

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscriptions to "Sky and Telescope" for period April to December 1963	583 00	Credit Balance 1/7/1963	427 03
Cost of production of MNASSA for period June 1963 to January 1964, and of Handbook	284 49	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
		Arrears	5 80
		Current	1152 00
		Advance	<u>37 50</u>
Postage on "Sky and Telescope" and MNASSA for period June 1963 to January 1964 and on Handbook	77 00		1195 30
Postage, other than above	8 00	Entrance Fees	35 00
Addressograph Plates	5 53	Sale of MNASSA	73 86
Essay Competitions prizes	19 00	Sale of Handbooks	3 65
Payment to S.A. Mint for six Gill Medals	25 80	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	2 10
Bank Charges	9 88	Donations	2 00
Credit Balance at 7/2/64	734 59	Interest on Building Society Shares, half year	5 50
		Commission on Cheques	2 85
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