

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 6th May 1964 at 8.00 p.m.

An apology for absence had been received from Dr. Fuhr.

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

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 12th February 1964 were read and after amendment, confirmed.

Please note: the amendment was to the paragraph beginning: "A letter from the Acting President, C.S.I.R., on membership for the National Committee on Astronomy, --- instead of "on membership for the International Astronomical Union", the incorrect version.

The Hon. Secretary read a reply received from Mrs. Alden, to the letter of condolence sent on the death of Dr. Alden.

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

Financial Statement as on 6th May, 1964

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscriptions to "Sky and Telescope" for period April 1963 to March 1964	761 11	Credit Balance 1/7/1963	427 03
Cost of production of MNASSA for period June 1963 to April 1964 and of Handbook	402 41	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on "Sky and Telescope" and MNASSA for period June 1963 to April 1964, and on Handbook	118 00	Arrears	5 80
Postage, other than above	15 51	Current	1227 50
Addressograph Plates	6 75	Advance	<u>37 50</u>
Essay Competition Prizes	19 00	Entrance Fees	57 50
Payment to S.A. Mint for six Gill Medals	25 80	Sale of MNASSA	125 46
Library Catalogue	8 00	Sale of Handbooks	5 40
Purchase of Second-Hand Typewriter	15 00	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	2 10
Bank Charges	12 46	Donations	3 10
Credit Balance at 6/5/1964	522 40	Interest on Building Society Shares, April 1963 to March 1964	11 00
	<u>R 1906 44</u>	Sale of 6 copies of Otten's "How to Make a Mirror"	1 20
		Commission on Cheques	2 85
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Garrett Orpen  
Hon. Treasurer

The Financial Statement was adopted by the meeting.

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

Mr. James Thomas De Wet Le Grange, P. O. Box 727, Johannesburg.  
Dr. J. A. Graham, Leiden Southern Station, P. O. Box 13, Broederstroom,  
Transvaal.  
Mr. Duncan R. G. Brodie, 56 Westcliff Drive, Westcliff, Johannesburg.  
Mr. Michel Breger, Driekoppen Residence, U.C.T., Mowbray, Cape.  
Mr. Stephen S. Booyesen, 4 Van Deventer St., Duncanville, Vereeniging,  
Transvaal.

The Herschel Monument which is to be included in the plan for a new school building for the Herschel School at Claremont, was considered by members to be adequately cared for, after an inspection of the architect's plan, shown to the meeting by Dr. Stoy.

A proposal by Dr. Evans seconded by Dr. Stoy that all members of Council be sent a ballot paper, together with conditions governing the election of a member to the National Committee on Astronomy, as to whether Council should elect such a member or not, was agreed to. The same sub-committee that drafted the letter to the C.S.I.R., to prepare the memorandum to be sent to members.

The Minutes of a Transvaal Committee Meeting, received by the Hon. Secretary were read by Mr. Lagerweij, and the contents noted by Council with appreciation and approval.

The contents of a circular received from Mr. Hirschberg on possible improvements of Planetarium Installations, was read and noted.

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A sub-committee to help Mr. Bondietti in Library matters, was formed, consisting of Messrs Atkins, Bentley, and Dr. Stoy. The Hon. Secretary was asked to obtain copies of the Report on the Library, compiled by Mr. Bondietti, for members of Council.

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No Gill Medal Award ~~had been made~~ during ~~the~~ year.

A letter received from "Urania", a South American Amateur Astronomical Society, was read to the meeting. Their address is "Amigos de Urania", Sargente Cabral 238, Rafaela ( Sta Fe' ), Argentina, and they would like to hear from our members.

The next meeting is to be held on the 3rd June, 1964.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary

*M. Lagerweij*  
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