

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 22nd July 1964 at 8.00 p.m.

Mr. Lagerweij presided. There were 24 persons present. Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Evans, Messrs Russo, Morrisby, Hirschberg, Weinberg, West and Hurly.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 24th July 1963 were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement, presented and read by Mr. Orpen was adopted, proposed by Mr. Simenhoff and seconded by Mr. Molyneux, and was as follows:

Financial Statement for year ended 30th June, 1964

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscriptions to "Sky and Telescope" for period April 1963 to June 1964	939 70	Credit Balance 1/7/1963	427 03
Cost of production of MNASSA for the period June 1963 to June 1964 and of Handbook for 1964	510 61	Subscriptions	
Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" for the period June 1963 to June 1964 and on Handbook	140 00	Arrears 5 80	
Stationery	9 05	Current 1245 00	
Postage, other than above	21 03	Advance 100 00	1350 80
Addressograph plates	8 15	Entrance Fees	80 00
Essay Competition Prizes	19 00	Sale of MNASSA	152 15
Payment to S.A. Mint for six Gill Medals	25 80	Sale of Handbooks	13 55
Purchase of second hand typewriter from the Royal Observatory	15 00	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	2 10
Fire Insurance premium on Society's Property	0 80	Sale of copies of Otten's "How to Make a Mirror"	1 45
Bank Charges	18 97	Sale of surplus books	5 35
Credit Balance 30/6/1964	341 33	Donations	3 00
		Interest on Building Society Shares	11 00
		Commission on Cheques	3 01
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It will be seen that payment for "Sky and Telescope" has now been brought up to date, i.e. payment for the issues for fifteen months has now been included in this year's Financial Statement, in spite of which the balance at the close of the year has dropped by less than R100 00.

The Society stands possessed of four shares in the S. A. Permanent Building Society, each £25, per certificate C.15778 dated 18/5/1960, and equipment and apparatus as per H. M. Astronomer's certificate attached, insured against fire under Policy 134760 dated 27/2/1962, in the amount of R600 00 with the Southern Insurance Society.

W. C. Bentley and M. M. Raphaely
Hon. Auditors

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

The meeting passed a unanimous vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer and the Auditors.

The Annual Report of Council was read by the Hon. Secretary, and adopted by the meeting.

As only sufficient nominations to fill the offices had been received, the following were declared elected for the Session 1964-1965:

President	:	Mr. H. C. Lagerweij
Vice Presidents	:	Messrs Morrisby, Bruwer and Smits
Hon. Secretary	:	Mr. A. Menzies
Hon. Treasurer	:	Mr. G. Orpen
Hon. Auditors	:	Messrs Bentley and Raphaely
Members of Council	:	Drs. Cousins, Evans, Stoy and Thackeray

Members representing individual Centres would be additional to the above.

The Report of the Comet and Meteor Section, presented by Mr. Venter, was read by the Hon. Secretary. Mr. Bentley read the Variable Star Section Report, presented by Mr. de Kock, and Mr. Bondietti read the Nova Search Report, presented by the Rev. L. L. Dawson.

Mr. Morrisby's Presidential Address on "The Size and Shape of the Earth" was read by Mr. Bentley.

Professor Menzies and Dr. Stoy took part in the discussion that followed. Professor Menzies said that gaps in the African and South African meridional arcs had been filled by the Americans.

Mr. Morrisby was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks for his Address.

Mr. Smits read a description of a new method of obtaining star diameters and surface temperatures, as developed in Australia by members of the Manchester and Sidney Universities and the Air Force of Australia.

Mr. Lagerweij thanked Dr. Stoy for the facilities for holding meetings enjoyed during the past year.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary

