

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held 16th September 1964 at the Royal Observatory at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lagerweij (in the Chair)  
Messrs. Bentley, Bondiotti, Atkins, Orpen, Churms and Russo

Apologies: for absence noted for the following  
Drs. Stoy and Evans (overseas), Mr. Menzies (in Pretoria),  
Dr. Cousins (on duty), Dr. Fuhr, Messrs. Krumm and Smits *Meadow*

Minutes of the Council Meeting held 24 June 1964, read and after amendment, signed. Reference to the Bloemfontein Centre in the last paragraph was deleted.

Matters arising: Members were asked to give some thought to the question of a suitable subject for the next Essay Competition. One suggestion was the "Moon"; and after some discussion it was decided that this matter should be held over for the next meeting.

Mr. Bentley reported having received a letter of appreciation from Mr. Morrisby for reading the Presidential Address at the Annual General Meeting.

Alternates: The following Alternates were appointed, subject to the consent of the Principals concerned:

Mr. Meadows	for	Mr. Morrisby
Dr. Fuhr		Mr. Bruwer
Mr. Russo		Dr. Thackeray
Mr. Krumm		Bloemfontein Centre Representative <i>Maha</i>
Mr. Churms		Transvaal Centre Representative
Mr. Atkins		Port Elizabeth Centre Representative
Mr. Bondiotti		Natal Centre Representative

It was noted that *Mr. Bell* was the Transvaal Centre Representative and Mr. Bentley the Cape Centre Representative. Bloemfontein, Durban and Port Elizabeth had still to notify who had been appointed their representatives.

Finance: The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Orpen, read the Financial Statement. It was remarked that the large credit balance shown was due to the receipt of annual subscriptions at the start of a new financial year, with little expenditure as yet for Publications etc.

Financial Position as on 12th September, 1964

Expenditure	R.	c.	Receipts	R.	c.
Cost of production of MNASSA for July and August 1964	100	72	Credit Balance 1/7/1964	341	33
Postage on "Sky and Telescope" and MNASSA for July and August 1964	24	00	Subscriptions		
Stationery	6	73	Arrears	27	90
Postage, other than above	4	75	Current	779	00
Essay Competition Prizes	16	50	Advance	5	00
Addressograph Plates	0	95	Entrance Fees		7 50
Credit Balance 12/9/1964	1064	54	Sale of MNASSA		50 14
			Sale of Handbooks		0 75
			Sale of back and extra numbers of Sky and Telescope	5	10
			Commission on cheques	1	47
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Garrett Orpen  
Hon. Treasurer

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Sky and Telescope: / Acting Secretary stated that there was a shortfall of 12 copies in the number of August issues received. This had been reported to Mr. Krumm, who had ascertained confirmation of the despatch of the whole amount ordered, viz. 295. With new members included, there were 17 people without the August issue. It was decided to increase the number of copies to be ordered to 310, with effect from August and the missing twelve copies should be replaced.

Correspondence: A letter had been received from Prof. de Freitas Mourae giving change of address from the Argentine to Belgium, and asking what was owing in the way of subscriptions. Despatch of publications had ceased about the middle of 1963 owing to the non-receipt of subscriptions, but as the final registered letter of warning required under Art. XI, para. 1 of the Constitution had not been sent, it was decided that he could resume payment and receive the publications, both from a current date.

Mr. Orpen mentioned another case but as this party had ceased to be a member in accordance with the Constitution, the normal Entrance Fee and Subscription would be payable before re-instatement.

It was with great pleasure and interest that Council heard reports read of activities at the Bloemfontein, Transvaal and Port Elizabeth Centres. These were very much appreciated and it was hoped that this would be the forerunner of news from all Centres. The Hon. Secretary was asked to acknowledge these reports and express Council's thanks and appreciation.

An offer by the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. to supply publications was to be declined as members could refer to the Royal Observatory Library in case of need.

New Members: The following whose names had appeared in MNASSA and for whom no objections had been received, were declared duly *elected*

Mr. Ben Conradie, 7 Windell Street, Durbanville, Cape Province.  
Miss E. H. J. Coetzer, 4 Churchill Avenue, Crosby, Johannesburg.  
Mr. P. R. Smith, 6 Jozin Court, 134 Becker Street, Bellevue East,  
Johannesburg.

Mr. G. M. Speirs, 58 Eden Road, Bramley, Johannesburg.  
Mr. H. Watts, 5 Odeon Court, Barnet Street, Cape Town.

Mr. T. Martinis of 32 High Street, Berea was noted as an Associate member of the Transvaal Centre.

The following were declared elected subject to their names appearing in MNASSA and no objection being received. In the case of Mr. Crous and the Illawarra Astronomical Society subject also to the payment of subscriptions and Entrance Fees.

Mr. M. E. Alexander, 22 Victoria Avenue, Sandringham, Johannesburg.  
Mr. M. M. C. Crous, 94 Sixth Street, Linden, Johannesburg.  
Illawarra Astronomical Society, 25 Gundarun Street, West Wollongong,  
Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia.

Library: Mr. Bondietti reported 10 meetings of the Library Committee. Unwanted books etc. had been weeded out and listed and the question of their disposal by sale or otherwise was left over until the return of Drs. Stoy and Evans, when their advice could be sought. Index cards were ready for completion for each publication to be retained in the Library.

General: Cape Centre were authorized to effect improvements to the wiring and controlling switches of the Society's spectroscope at the Society's expense.

On Mr. Bondietti's proposal, it was decided to recommend to the Editorial Board publication of the Address given by the Chairman of the Cape Centre at the Centre's last Annual General Meeting.

A request by Mr. Aepli to insert roneod slips (supplied) in an issue of MNASSA advertising a telescope for sale was to be referred to the Editorial Board.

The next meeting was provisionally fixed for November 4.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

*W. Chagnon*  
*4/11/1964*

T. W. Russo  
Hon. Secretary (Act.)