

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on 1st September, 1965 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lagerweij, Dr. Fuhr, Messrs. Atkins, Bentley, Bondiotti, Meadows, Orpen and Russo.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Menzies (on duty at the Radcliffe Observatory, Pretoria) Mr. Lagerweij took the Chair.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Stoy, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Churms.

The first business of the Meeting was the appointment of Alternates for up-country Members of Council. Subject to the consent of the principals concerned, Dr. Fuhr would be Alternate to Mr. J. A. Bruwer, Mr. Churms for Mr. Bell, the Transvaal Centre Representative, Mr. Meadows for Mr. Lincoln of the Bloemfontein Centre and Mr. Bondiotti for the Natal Centre. Possible Alternates for Dr. Thackeray and Mr. Geary were Mr. Smits and Mr. Horn. The Secretary was to approach the parties concerned.

The Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held 16 June, 1965 were read and confirmed. Arising out of the Minutes, it was noted that the B.A.A. Journals had been sold and the sum of R39. 30c realized. Letters of thanks and acceptance, received from Dr. Finsen, Dr. Fehrenbach and Professor Velghe were read.

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

Financial Statement as on 1st September, 1965					
Expenditure	R.	c.	Receipts	R.	c.
Cost of production of MNASSA July and August 1965	90	61	Credit Balance 1/7/1964	347	01
Postage on "Sky and Telescope" and MNASSA for July 1965	24	00	<u>Subscriptions</u>		
Essay Competition Prizes	31	00	Arrears	25	00
Engraving of Gill Medal	-	60	Current	755	00
Postage, other than above	4	72	Advance	2	50
Addressograph Plates	1	33	Entrance Fees		17 50
Credit Balance at 1/9/65	1044	80	Sale of MNASSA		4 50
			Sale of Handbooks		- 55
			Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"		2 00
			Donations		3 70
			Sale of B.A.A. Journals		39 30
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Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer

The following new Members were elected, subject to the publication of their names in the Notes and no objection being received within one month:

Dr. Dennis Knight, 79 Forest Drive, Pinelands, Cape.

Mr. J. M. Smart, Alan Redfern School, Box 25, Plumtree, Rhodesia.

Mr. P. M. Corben, c/o The Royal Observatory, Observatory, Cape.

Mr. Max Coleman, P. O. Box 9072, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Membership of the Michaelhouse School of Balgowan, Natal was approved.

Council approved the action taken to increase the number of "Sky and Telescope" copies ordered, from 285 to 300, as from the July issue. Demand has exceeded supply for both July and August. It was suggested that back numbers of this Publication, for which a demand would be considered unlikely should be displayed for sale on Visitors nights. The Secretary would discuss this with Dr. Stoy.

Mr. Bondiotti raised the question of the disposal of out-dated books no longer required for the Library. It was agreed that the Library Committee should list these books, price them and then send a copy to each Centre of the Society for information of possible buyers.

It was agreed that one dozen storage boxes for housing Journals could be purchased for the Library.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Transvaal Centre, held on 11th August, were read with interest, and the close contact maintained in this way was very much appreciated.

A questionnaire received from the Department of Education, Arts and Science for the purpose of inquiring into the need for and the provision of standardised technical terminology and the need for and training of translators in South Africa was left to be dealt with by Mr. Lagerweij and Mr. Russo.

The Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

T. W. Russo

Hon. Secretary

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