

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held 22 November 1965 at 8.00 p.m. at the Royal Observatory.

Present: Mr. Monzies (in the Chair), Drs. Cousins, Fuhr and Stoy, Messrs. Atkins, Bentley, Bondiotti, Lagerweij, Meadows, Orpen, and Russo.

Apologies for absence received from Messrs. Churms and Smits.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st September 1965 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes, it was noted that Mr. Smits had agreed to act as alternate for Dr. Thackeray. Mr. Horne had also been approached to serve as an alternate but had declined. The Secretary had asked Mr. Weinberg to act for Mr. Geary and a reply was awaited.

With regard to Library Books for disposal it was agreed that a copy of the list drawn up by the Librarian should be sent to each member in Southern Africa with an issue of MNASSA. Books would be available at 30c each, post free.

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

Financial Statement as on 22 November 1965

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period July to September 1965	183 46	Credit Balance, 1/7/65	347 01
Cost of production of MNASSA for period July to October 1965	137 16	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on "Sky and Telescope" and MNASSA for period July to Oct. 1965	46 00	Arrears	31 00
Stationery (Storage Boxes)	3 24	Current	1149 50
Postage, other than above	12 15	Advance	7 50
Engraving Gill Medal	0 60	Entrance Fees	32 50
Essay Competition Prizes	31 00	Sale of MNASSA	85 21
Addressograph Plates	2 60	Sale of Handbooks	1 55
Shipping charges on BAA Journals sold	9 89	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	5 30
Bank Charges	9 81	Donations	8 70
Credit Balance at 22/11/65	1291 13	Sale of BAA Journals	49 79
	<hr/>	Interest on Building Society Shares for period April to September 1965	6 00
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Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer

The election of Mr. L. Driver-Jowitt as a Member was approved. The election of the Leiden Southern Station as an Institutional Member was approved subject to the usual proviso of publication in MNASSA, and no objection being received within one month.

The election of the following Associates of the Transvaal Centre was noted:

Miss D. Q. Bell
Mr. J. O. Shillington
Mr. L. C. T. Brown

Correspondence: A copy of a letter of sympathy sent to, and the reply from, the widow of Mr. J. H. Bentley of Pretoria, whose passing in tragic circumstances had been reported to the Council, were read.

As a result of a letter received from the Copperbelt Astronomical Society, it was agreed that payment of the current year's subscription could be deferred to early in the new year.

The C.S.I.R. had approached Mr. Lagerweij for comments and suggestions on the I.A.U. proposal for Training Schools in Astronomy, supported by UNESCO. Council were in favour of such a scheme, and considered that suitable students should be sent to such a Training School, when established; and that details should be circularized among S. A. Universities. The Secretary was to write to C.S.I.R. to this effect.

It was agreed that, at the discretion of the Council, Honorary Members who received the publications of the Society free of charge, could also receive "Sky and Telescope" on the same basis.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

T. W. Russo

Hon. Secretary

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