

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on 21 February 1966 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Menzies (in the Chair), Drs. Stoy and Cousins, Messrs Atkins, Bentley, Bondiotti, Churms, Lagerweij, Orpen, Russo and Weinberg.

Apologies for absence received from Messrs. Meadows and Smits.

Mr. Weinberg was welcomed on his first attendance at the Council Meeting as an alternate for Mr. Geary, subject to the latter's consent.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held 22 November 1965 were read and approved.

Arising out of the Minutes it was reported that R15. 80 had so far been realised from the sale of old Library Books. The few remaining books and back numbers of Sky and Telescope would be offered for sale at 20c and 10c each respectively at a future suitable Cape Centre Meeting. It was approved that the sum of R20 should be handed to the Librarian, Mr. Bondiotti, for the binding of books. It was also noted that the S.A. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research had acknowledged the letter on the subject of a Training School in Astronomy and that S.A. Universities would be informed of details when available.

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

Financial Statement as on 21st February, 1966

Expenditure	R.	c.	Receipts	R.	c.
Subscriptions to "Sky and Telescope" for period July to December 1965	387	46	Credit Balance at 1/7/65	347	01
Cost of production of MNASSA for period July 1965 to January 1966 and of Handbook	286	82	<u>Subscriptions</u>		
Postage on "Sky and Telescope" and MNASSA for above period and on Handbook	69	00	Arrears	31	00
Stationery (Storage boxes)	3	24	Current	1239	50
Postage, other than above	18	31	Advance	25	00
Engraving Gill Medal	0	60	Entrance Fees	60	00
Essay Competition Prizes	31	00	Sale of MNASSA	157	02
Addressograph Plates	3	77	Sale of Handbooks	3	55
Shipping charge on BAA Journals sold	9	89	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	6	30
Bank Charges	14	45	Donations	9	70
Credit Balance, 21/2/66	1129	66	Sale of BAA Journals	49	79
			Sale of Library Books	15	80
			Interest on Building Society Shares for the period April to September 1965	6	00
			Commission on Cheques	3	13
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Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer

The election of the following members was approved, subject to the usual proviso that the names be published in MNASSA and no objection being received within a month of publication.

Astronomy Department, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, Cape
Mr. J. de Villiers, Tower Hill 403, c/o Pretorius and Leyds Street,
Pretoria.

Mr. D. S. Hansford, "Morcombe", P. O. Wilton, Marandellas, Rhodesia

Mr. A. Harrison, 50 Eksteen Avenue, Bergvliet, Cape

Mr. S. H. Horsey, 51 - 13th Street, Parkmore, Johannesburg

Dr. D. H. P. Jones, Radcliffe Observatory, P. O. Box 373, Pretoria

Mr. N. Meyerowitz, 2 Dove Street, Benoni, Tvl.

Peterhouse Astronomical Society, Peterhouse, P/Bag 741, Marandellas,
Rhodesia

Mr. A. Siebbeles, Van Riebeeck Hotel, Andries Street, Pretoria

Mr. C. O. Smythe, 65 Howick Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal

Mr. A. C. van der Neut, 47 Dely Road, Hazelwood, Pretoria

Mr. L. M. Verwey, 375 Anderson Street, Menlo Park, Pretoria

Mr. H. Welsh, 601 Botani, Spuy Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria

Dr. P. A. T. Wild, c/o Physics Dept., University of Cape Town,
Rondebosch, Cape

Mr. H. E. D. Willmott, "Tintagel" First Crescent, Camps Bay

Mr. H. M. Woodall, 43 Ophir Road, Plumstead.

The election of the following Associates was noted:

Mr. K. C. Aldridge, 228 Centenary Buildings, Bureau Lane, Pretoria

Miss Nicolette Graham, Lyngford Hotel, Wolmarans Street, Johannesburg

Mr. H. J. Jacobs, 114 Cunninghamlaan, Waverley, Pretoria

Miss C. Walkden-Davis, Victoria Nurses' Home, Alphen Hill, Wynberg, Cape

Some concern was expressed at the possibility that Nomination Forms of Associates could be forwarded to Council without details being duly recorded at the headquarters of the Centre concerned. It was suggested that the Hon. Secretary should take steps to ensure confirmation that any such Nominations had been or would be seen by the Secretary of the Centre.

Dr. Stoy had received from Dr. Thackeray Legends of Astronomical interest which a Commercial Organisation wished to utilize with indication of approval by the Society. These had been scrutinized by Dr. Thackeray, Dr. Stoy and the Hon. Secretary and in anticipation of Council's approval consent to their use had been given. Council now gave covering approval.

A report received from the Transvaal Centre was read to the Meeting. Council noted with much appreciation details of the activities of that Centre and endorsed the sentiments expressed in the Hon. Secretary's letter of acknowledgement and thanks.

It was confirmed that in the case of Mr. J. H. Jones, who wished to rejoin the Society, that the normal rules governing new members should apply.

The Computing Section was congratulated on the excellent Handbook produced for this year.

It was decided that a suitable subject for the Forbes Essay Competition for 1966 would be "Comets".

The next meeting of the Council would be in next May, the date to be intimated later.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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T. W. Russo
Hon. Secretary