

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on May 11th at 10.00 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr. Meadows and Mr. Smits. *D. Fisher*

A few moments silence was observed as a token of respect for the late Mr. D. McIntyre, who had been closely associated with the Society for many years.

Minutes of the previous meeting held February 21st, 1966 were then read and confirmed.

It was noted that Mr. Geary had agreed to Mr. Weinberg acting as his alternate.

New members were elected as follows, subject to the usual proviso of publication in the "Notes", where this had not been done already:

Mr. D. B. Dysell, 4 Myrtle Road, Rondebosch, Cape.
Mr. G. H. Larmuth, c/o Garlick Ltd., P. O. Box 60, Cape Town.
Mr. J. H. Grobler, 355 Daphne Avenue, Mountain View, Pretoria, Tvl.
Dr. E. Sponder, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, Cape.
Mr. M. Nel, 349 End Street, Hatfield, Pretoria, Tvl.
Mr. R. E. Wallis, 62 Roosevelt Road, Claremont, Cape.
Mr. G. Zuidema, 703 Rose Acres, Goldreich Street, Hillbrow, Johannesburg.
Mr. J. H. Jones, No. 4, Kenwyn, Main Road, Kenilworth, Cape.

The election of the following Associates was noted:

Mr. K. Dresselhaus, 610, 32nd Avenue, Villieria, Pretoria, Tvl.
Mr. K. A. W. Paterson, 15 Collins Road, Bedfordview, Tvl.
Mrs. A. A. M. Schoenfeldt, 15, 1st Street, Parkhurst, Johannesburg.
Mr. H. A. Schoenfeldt, 15, 1st Street, Parkhurst, Johannesburg.

The election of the following student member was noted:

Mr. J. F. Dean, Driekoppen Residence, Univ. of Cape Town, Rondebosch, Cape.

Correspondence between the Secretary and Mr. Sterling of Pretoria regarding the formation of a Centre at Pretoria was read to the Meeting. This was received with interest and enthusiasm, and unanimous covering approval was given. The general feeling was that there would be a great advance in astronomical interest and activities in Pretoria. The Hon. Secretary was asked to obtain particulars of the Centre's Committee Members, and their Representative on Council.

A letter from Messrs Syfrets Trust was then read. This disclosed that the Society would be receiving all Astronomical books owned by the late Mr. McIntyre. Further in terms of the Will the Society would receive one half of the Residue of the Estate, and it was anticipated that this would amount to approximately R1500. Members were asked to have some thought on the manner in which this legacy could be used in the best interests of the Society and Astronomy in general.

The Financial Statement was read by the Hon. Treasurer and was as follows:

Financial Statement as on 11th May, 1966

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period July 1965 to March 1966	581 73	Credit Balance at 1/7/65	347 01
Cost of production of MNASSA for period July 1965 to April 1966 and of Handbook	350 55	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on "Sky and Telescope" and MNASSA for above period and on Handbook	103 00	Arrears	31 00
Stationery and Effects	4 79	Current	1312 00
Postage, other than above	27 15	Advance	42 50
Engraving Gill Medal	0 60	Entrance Fees	85 00
Essay Competition Prizes	31 00	Sale of MNASSA including reprints	254 35
Addressograph Plates	6 69	Sale of Handbooks	5 40
Shipping Charges on BAA Journals sold	9 89	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	12 30
Bank Charges	14 45	Donations	9 70
Credit Balance at 10/5/66	1050 13	Sale of BAA Journals	49 79
		Sale of Library Books	15 80
		Interest on Building Society Shares for full year	12 00
		Commission Cheques	3 13
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Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 294 copies of "Sky and Telescope" were being despatched each month. As a further four applications for membership from 1st July had been received, it was decided that the number of copies on order should be increased from 300 to 310 with effect from July next.

The next Council Meeting would be held on Monday 20th June, 1966.

The Meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

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T. W. Russo
Hon. Secretary.