

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday  
20th June 1966 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Menzies ( in the Chair ), Messrs Orpen, Bentley, Atkins,  
Bondietti, Weinberg, Churms, Smits, Meadows, Russo, Drs. Cousins  
and Fuhr.

Apologies for absence for Mr. Lagerweij, and Dr. Stoy, presently  
overseas, were noted.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th May 1966 were read,  
and after the inclusion of Dr. Fuhr's name among "Apologies for absence",  
were confirmed and signed.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Bentley confirmed that 310 copies  
of "Sky and Telescope" had been ordered as from the July issue.

Regarding the McIntyre Bequest, a recent letter from Syfrets Trust  
was read, in which it was intimated that the deceased's main investment,  
a participation in a Mortgage Bond of R2300 was fixed until 31st August,  
1969. In order to facilitate the early winding up of the Estate, it was  
agreed to advise Syfrets Trust that the Society would be prepared to take  
over as portion of its inheritance one-half of the said Mortgage Bond  
participation, and that necessary notice be given for repayment on 31st  
August 1969.

The financial Statement, as follows, was read by Mr. Orpen, and  
adopted on the motion by Mr. Smits, seconded by Mr. Meadows.

Financial Statement as on 20th June, 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 May 1966 and of Handbook	372 19	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
		Arrears	31 00
		Current	1322 00
		Advance	72 50
		Entrance Fees	1425 50
Postage on "Sky and Telescope" and MNASSA for above period and on Handbook	113 50		
Stationery and effects	8 03	Sale of MNASSA, including reprints	95 00
Postage, other than above	30 70	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	278 30
Engraving Gill Medal	0 60	Sale of Handbooks	12 30
Essay Competition Prizes	31 00	Donations	6 00
Addressograph Plates	6 69	Sale of BAA Journals	10 20
Shipping Charges on BAA Journals sold	9 89	Sale of Library Books	49 79
Bank Charges	20 53	Interest on Building Society Shares	15 80
Credit Balance at 20/6/1966	1080 22	Commission on Cheques	12 00
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Garrett Orpen  
Hon. Treasurer.

The following applications for membership were approved, subject to the usual proviso of publication in the Notes:

Mr. G. H. J. Coetzee, 80 Pretorius Avenue, P. O. Lyttelton, Tvl.  
Mr. N. Sidiropoulos, Fairmont Hotel, Pretorius Street, Pretoria

The election of the following Associate was noted:

Mrs J. A. Sterling, 5 Hekla Road, Valhalla, Pretoria.

The Secretary reported the receipt of seven entries in the Essay Competition. It was agreed that Mr. Meadows and Dr. le Roux should again judge the essays.

In view of the possibility of Mr. Raphaely being out of Town, it was agreed that should he not be available for Audit, Mr. Molyneux be co-opted to act jointly with Mr. Bentley.

A letter from the Chairman of the Pretoria Centre, giving details of their Committee was then read. A request for the permanent loan of a Gill Medal for exhibition purposes was not approved, and the Hon. Secretary's interim reply to Mr. Sterling's request was endorsed by the Meeting.

The specific conditions under which telescopes owned by the Society could be available for use by individual members was left for discussion by the new Council.

A draft report of Council for the Session now ending, prepared by the Secretary, was considered and subject to minor alterations, accepted.

The Secretary reported that on closing date, viz. June 15, no nominations for the new Council had been received, and that a postal ballot as required under the Constitution would not be necessary. It was agreed that at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, the following would be declared members of Council for the Session 1966-1967:

President	:	Mr. G. R. Atkins	
Vice-Presidents	:	Mr. J. A. Bruwer	<i>J. A. Bruwer</i>
		Mr. A. Menzies	
		Mr. J. C. Bennett	
Hon. Secretary	:	Mr. T. W. Russo	
Hon. Treasurer	:	Mr. G. Orpen	
Members of Council	:	Dr. A. W. J. Cousins	<i>Dr. A. W. J. Cousins</i>
		Dr. R. H. Stoy	
		Dr. A. D. Thackeray	
		Mr. T. E. Geary	

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

*J. R. Atkins*  
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T. W. Russo  
Hon. Secretary

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You are reminded of the Council meeting to be held at the SAAO, Cape Town on Monday 1978 March 20 at 20h00.

Agenda

- (1) Apologies for absence
- (2) Tribute to the late Dr Thackeray
- (3) Minutes of meeting held 1978 February 13
- (4) Matters arising
  - (a) Disposal of two books to S.A. Public Library
  - (b) 15% Customs Levy - Recovery of excess payments made
  - (c) Non payment of articles in MNASSA by non members
- (5) Finance - Consideration of increased subscriptions for 1978/79
- (6) Election of New Members
- (7) Honorary Members - Suggestions to fill vacancies
- (8) MNASSA. Vacancy on Editorial Board
- (9) Any further business

T.W. Russo  
HON. SECRETARY

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