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ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 14th September, 1966 at 9.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence noted from Messrs Churms, Lagerveij and Meadows.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 20 June 1966 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes

1. Mr. Bentley confirmed that the increased number of 310 copies of Sky and Telescope had been ordered from July and that accounts were being rendered accordingly. As the Secretary reported no increase in the number being received, Mr. Bentley would investigate the matter.

2. It was agreed that the Society's instruments could be loaned to suitable approved individuals or bodies on formal application to the Council, and cost of transport or damage to the instrument to be borne by the borrower. Further, after a period of 12 months, Council would consider re-renewal of the loan for any further period required. The question of a fee for the use of any instrument was left for consideration at a later date. This matter is to be publicised in MNASSA for information of all members. Mr. Bentley mentioned that the Cape Centre would like the loan of the 5-inch instrument, and Dr. Stoy on behalf of the Astronomy Department of the U.C.T. asked for the McIntyre portable telescope. Mr. Atkins said that formal application should be made in writing.

The following Alternates were appointed subject to the consent of the parties concerned:

** Copies not received by Hon. Sec. 20/10/66*

Principal	Alternate
Mr. J. A. Bruwer *	: Dr. K. Fuhr
✓ Mr. J. C. Bennett	: Mr. H. C. Lagerveij
Mr. T. E. Geary +	: Mr. I. Weinberg
Dr. A. D. Thackeray *	: Mr. P. Smits
Natal Representative	: Mr. J. Bondiotti → <i>Mr. Roberts informed</i>
✓ Bloemfontein Rep. (N. Lincoln)	: Dr. D. S. Evans
✓ Transvaal Rep. (W. Bell)	: Mr. J. Churms
✓ Pretoria Rep. (S. C. Venter)	: Dr. P. Wild *

✓ agreed (letter received by Hon. Sec)

Mr. Meadows had for a long time acted as Alternate for the Bloemfontein Centre. In a letter read to the meeting, Mr. Meadows mentioned the difficulty he was experiencing in attending Council Meetings owing to other commitments, and suggested that Council might wish to consider someone else. Council reluctantly agreed, and it was decided that Dr. Evans should be approached to act instead on his return to S. A. in November. The Secretary was asked to thank Mr. Meadows for his past services and for his offer to assist Council in any other way e.g. with the Essay Competition.

Mr. Orpen presented the Financial Statement as follows:

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A sub-committee of Dr. Fuhr with Dr. Wild, Mr. Meadows and Mr. Bondietti (with power to co-opt) was formed to consider a suitable subject for the next Essay Competition, ways and means of publicising it and also its possible extension to an older age group e.g. University students.

Council noted with appreciation the binding of "Sky and Telescope" and "B.A.A. Journals" in the Society's Library. There was some informal discussion on ways and means of introducing new books to the library.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.

T. W. Russo,

Hon. Secretary.

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Financial Statement as on 14th Sept. 1966

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Expenditure on materials for and production of MNASSA during the period 1st July to 12th Sept. 1966	110. 11	Credit Balance 1/7/66	948. 68
Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope", July and August 1966	17. 00	Subscriptions	
Stationery	21. 00	Arrears 3. 00	
Essay Competition Prizes	16. 00	Current 792. 50	
Addressograph Plates	1. 52	Advance 10. 00	805. 50
Credit Balance 13/9/66	1632. 23	Entrance Fees	10. 00
		Sale of MNASSA	25. 00
		Sale of Handbooks	3. 81
		Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	2. 00
		Cape and Transvaal Centre subs. to be passed on	1. 00
		Commission on cheques	1. 87
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Garrett Orpen,
Hon. Treasurer.

It was intimated that very few disbursements had as yet been made, to offset current subscriptions now due and being paid. It was too early in the new Society year for the Statement to have much value in reflecting the Society's financial position.

The question of the purchase of a lens for the Society's 3-inch telescope was then raised, and a sub-committee of Mr. Atkins and Mr. Bentley was formed to investigate and to report back at the next meeting.

The following new members were elected subject to no objection being received within one month of publication of names in the Notes.

Mr. S. C. Abrahams, 917 Innes Chambers, 84 Pritchard Street, Johannesburg.
Mrs. R. M. Bethune, P. O. Box 2388, Windhoek, S.W.A.
Mrs. M. A. Forman, Nat. Inst. for Road Research, C.S.I.R., Pretoria.
Mr. H. Kanowitz, 102 Berea Street, Muckleneuk, Pretoria
Mr. G. M. Rayner, Ministry of Works and Water, P.W.D. Aden,
Federation of South Arabia.
Mr. J. J. van Ellinckhuyzen, Private Bag XO555, Bloemfontein.

The election of the following Associates was noted:

Mr. C. A. Cesard, Paardefontein Tracking Station, P. O. Box 3053, Pretoria.
Mr. K. Badenhorst, 32 Moulton Avenue, Waverley, Pretoria
Mr. H. J. Barnard, 6 Benree, 45 McLaren Street, Waverley, Pretoria
Mev. A. P. Bentum, 130 Breyerlaan, Waverley, Pretoria
Mr. T. D. Erasmus, 10 Tessahof, Sunnyside, Pretoria
Mr. G. H. Harrison, 1 Andries Pretorius Street, Bloemfontein
Mr. R. J. McMaster, Shotley Lodge Residential Hotel, 47 Abel Road, Berea, Johannesburg.
Mr. A. E. Swanepoel, 313 Lynwood Road, Menlo Park, Pretoria

The Mees Observatory, of the University of Rochester, New York wished to obtain MNASSA on an exchange basis. This was not approved and Mr. Bentley was asked to inform them accordingly.