

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday November 14, 1966 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Atkins (in the Chair), Drs. Evans, Stoy and Wild,
Messrs Bentley, Bondietti, Menzies, O'pen, Russo, and
Weinberg.

Apologies for absence received from Drs. Cousins and Fuhr, Messrs Churms, Lagerweij and Smits.

Mr. Atkins welcomed Dr. Wild on his first appearance as an Alternate and Dr. Evans on his return to South Africa.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held 14 September 1966 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes (a) It was intimated by the Secretary that a message had been received from Dr. Fuhr, stating that he hoped to arrange a meeting shortly to consider the Essay Competition. Dr. Stoy stated that it was desirable to have details finalised before the start of the January school term. (b) It was agreed that an Astronomical Objective of 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch aperture f/15 - 48-inch F.L. as advertised in Sky and Telescope of October 1966 at a price of \$36 be purchased. (c) The Secretary confirmed that 310 copies of Sky and Telescope were being received.

Correspondence A letter from Mr. Smits was read. This indicated that he was having difficulty in attending Council Meetings owing to various other commitments, and Mr. Smits suggested that Council would perhaps consider it advisable to appoint some other person in his place. It was suggested that Dr. Sponder should be approached.

A letter received from Mr. G. Roberts of Durban was read. Mr. Roberts wished to resurrect the Natal Centre, of which Council had had no news for some years now. It was pointed out that in August 1959 Council authorized the Natal Centre to register as an Association under the Companies Act. It is not known whether this had been done, nor whether there were any assets of the Centre, which, according to the Society's Constitution, should become the property of the Society in the event of the Centre ceasing to exist without a formal decision to do so. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Registrar of Companies to ascertain whether the registration was ever effected and if so, the present position of the Association.

New Members Election of the following, whose names had appeared in MNASSA ~~were~~ ^{was} approved:

- Mr. C. C. Joynes, 16 Glenlily Street, Parow, Cape.
- Mr. E. F. Kellaway, 34 Birkenhead Road, Durban, Natal.
- Miss M. S. Parker, 315 Kero Court Hotel, 34 Pietersen Street, Johannesburg.
- Mr. A. M. Patterson, c/o Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Univ. of Natal,
King George V Avenue, Durban, Natal.
- Mr. T. H. Wildsmith, C8, Mediterrean, North Avenue, Riviera, Johannesburg.

The election of the following member was approved subject to the publication of his name in MNASSA and no objection being received.

Mr. M. Econ, P. O. Box 11141, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Election of the following Associates was noted:

- Miss H. de Vaal, 601 Keurboom Flats, 714 Schoeman Street, Pretoria
- Miss M. E. Huppertz, 174 Beckett Street, Arcadia, Pretoria.
- Mr. D. M. Ettliger, 621 Innes Chambers, Pritchard Street, Johannesburg.

Election of the following Student Member was noted:

Master M. F. Calitz, 19 Eugene Marais Street, Duncanville, Vereeniging, Tvl.

Finance Mr. Orpen presented the Financial Statement, as follows:

Statement of Financial Position as on 14 November 1966

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period July to September 1966	201 60	Credit Balance at 1/7/66	948 68
Cost of production of MNASSA for the period July to October 1966	307 75	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on MNASSA and "Sky and Telescope" for the period July to October 1966	54 60	Arrears 3 00	
Stationery	136 33	Current 1137 50	
Postage, other than above	14 57	Advance 15 00	1155 50
Essay Competition Prizes	16 00	Entrance Fees	25 00
Addressograph Plates	4 30	Sale of MNASSA	48 52
Binding "Sky and Telescope" and B.A.A. Journals	16 25	Sale of Handbooks	4 35
Credit Balance at 14/11/1966	1446 73	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	5 10
		Donations	2 00
		Interest on Building Society Shares	6 17
		Commission on Cheques	2 81
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Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

In view of the substantial sum held on current account at the Standard Bank A.B.C. Branch Cape Town, it was resolved that a Savings Bank Account be opened in the name of the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa and that R1000 be transferred from Current Account to the Savings Account. After some informal discussion about the progress made in compiling the Handbook for 1967, the meeting adjourned at 9.45 p.m.

J.R. Russo

T. W. Russo,
Hon. Secretary.

31/11/1967