

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory, Cape on Monday November 18 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. C. Bentley (in the Chair), Drs. Cousins, Stoy and Wild, Messrs. Atkins, Bondiotti, Churms, Corben, Grimwood, Hurly, Lagerweij, Orpen, Russo and Weinberg.

The Minutes of the previous Council Meeting, which had been circulated, were taken as read and adopted.

Matters Arising: Reference Art. XII of the Constitution, the Hon. Secretary read a copy of a circular letter sent to all Centres, inviting comments on possible anomalies which could arise from holding the Annual General Meeting in four parts. A communication had been received from the Cape Centre, and replies were awaited from Pretoria, Johannesburg and Bloemfontein, before the matter could be further considered.

A letter from Dr. Evans expressing appreciation of the formal resolution passed by Council was read.

New Members: The following were elected subject to their names appearing in MNASSA, where this had not already been done, and no objection being received.

Members:

- Mr. P. J. Adair, Dentek Lab. (Pvt) Ltd., P. O. Box 2617, Salisbury
- Mr. W. A. Beales, 178 Maseru West, Box 194, Maseru, Lesotho
- Mr. T. M. Bisschoff, P. O. Box 565, Germiston, Tvl.
- Mr. J. Glover, Experiment Station, Mount Edgecombe, Natal

Associate Member:

- Mrs. Dr. H. Griccioli, P. O. Box 135, Bedfordview, Tvl.

Student Member:

- Mast. Lars Franzsen, 39 Lawley Street, Waterkloof, Pretoria

Mr. Orpen the Hon. Treasurer presented the following Financial Statement. (See over).

Mr. Orpen was authorized to transfer funds from Current Account to Savings Account at his discretion to obviate an appreciable sum lying idle, not earning interest.

MNASSA: In view of the departure of Dr. Evans and the pending departure of Dr. Stoy, Dr. Wild's position as Editor was confirmed. Messrs. Churms and Lagerweij were appointed to the Editorial Board with power to co-opt when necessary. Mr. Weinberg's position as convenor of the team computing data for the Handbook was confirmed, and he agreed to be responsible for its compilation up to the printing stage.

There was a lengthy discussion as to the best way of budgeting for the cost of the Notes. It was finally agreed that at the end of the current Society financial year the Hon. Treasurer should present the actual cost of the production of the Notes, ignoring postage to subscribers and members, and the amount received by way of subscriptions which could then give the Editorial Board a figure to work on for the ensuing year.

It was also agreed that the charge for the Handbook for non-members should be raised to 50 cents, and that subscribers to MNASSA should be asked to place a definite order for the Handbook at the same price, if they wanted a copy.

Financial Statement as on November 18, 1968

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for July, August and September 1968	260 40	Credit Balance at 1/7/1968	63 49
Cost of production of MNASSA, June to Sept. 1968 including reprints	277 59	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on publications, July to October 1968	52 16	Arrears 8. 80	
Stationery and Equipment	13 83	Current 1365. 50	
Postage, other than above	6 52	Advance 10. 00	1384 30
Essay Competition Prizes	31 00	Entrance Fees	22 50
Transferred to Savings Bank Account	100 00	Sale of MNASSA	134 72
Bank Charges	12 65	Sale of Handbooks	2 25
Credit Balance, 18/11/1968	875 30	Sale of back and extra numbers of Sky and Telescope	9 40
		Donations	2 00
		Interest on Building Society Shares	7 00
		Commission on Cheques	3 79
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In addition to the above balance in the Current Account there is an amount of R1051. 86, plus accruing interest in a Savings Bank Account at the Heeren-gracht Branch of the Standard Bank.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account remains at R221. 37, as shown in the previous Financial Statement, prepared for the Council Meeting held on 23rd September, 1968.

Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer.

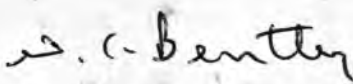
Correspondence: Mr. Atkins read an interesting letter received from Mr. Bell giving news of the activities of the Transvaal Centre.

Telegrams were received from the Transvaal Centre and Pretoria Centre conveying good wishes to Dr. Stoy on his pending departure from South Africa.

Miscellaneous: The question of the McIntyre Award was mentioned but was left over for the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Bentley expressed the thanks and appreciation of Council for the sterling work put in by Dr. Stoy for the Astronomical Society. He was responsible for the high standard of MNASSA, and its world wide reputation as a scientific journal; having served as Editor for many years. His departure for Edinburgh would leave a gap hard to fill, and he would be sorely missed by all who were privileged to come into contact with him. The Society's best wishes went out to both he and Mrs. Stoy.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.


T. W. Russo
Hon. Secretary.