

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory, Cape on Monday 15th September, 1969.

Present: Mr. Churms (in the Chair), Messrs Atkins, Bentley, Corben, Grimwood, Harding, Lagerwey, Orpen and Russo.

Apologies: noted as from Prof. Jarrett, Dr. Cousins, Messrs Bondietti and Hurly.

Alternates: The following persons who had acted as Alternates during the past year were again appointed:

Mr. H. C. Lagerwey	for	Mr. J. C. Bennett
Mr. P. Corben	-	Mr. J. Hers
Mr. R. Hurly	-	Dr. A. D. Thackeray
Mr. G. R. Atkins	-	Mr. C. J. Poole (Tvl Rep)
Dr. A. W. J. Cousins	-	Mr. G. J. Muller (Bfn Rep)
Mr. I. Weinberg	-	Mr. H. Kanowitz (Pta Rep)

The Secretary was directed to obtain further Alternates for the following:

Mr. K. J. Sterling
Prof. A. H. Jarrett
Mr. S. S. Booyesen (Dbn Rep)

The Minutes of Council Meeting held 1969 June 16 were read and confirmed.

Matters arising:

- (a) Amendment to Constitution. Mr. Atkins would contact the Tvl. Centre Representative to obtain that Centre's recommendations.
- (b) McIntyre Award. The reports of the two referees and a copy of the rules governing the Award to be circulated to all Council Members and Alternates.
- (c) MNASSA. It was noted that the price of the back issues had not yet been fixed.

Finance: Mr. Orpen the Hon. Treasurer presented the Financial Statement.
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Sky and Telescope: It was noted that two packets (24 copies) of the July issue had not yet apparently been received. Mr. Bentley was to investigate. The correct number for August was held. There was some discussion on the arrangement by which Mr. Geary of the Planetarium in Johannesburg received five of surplus copies when available. This procedure had been of an irregular nature, as of recent months receipt of this publication had at times, been delayed due to circumstances outside the Society's control. The price originally quoted to Mr. Geary had been based on the S.A. equivalent of the published U.S.A. price, but this figure had not been increased when Sky and Telescope Corporation raised the cost recently. The reduced bulk rate for the Society could not be passed on to any one through a re-sale, and therefore the supply to Mr. Geary could only be made on the basis of the S.A. equivalent of the U.S.A. price of 75 cents. viz. 55 S.A. cents (including postage). Mr. Geary was to be asked whether he would like a firm monthly order placed on this basis.

The Secretary mentioned that a request for back issues had been received, and asked for a directive for an appropriate price. It was noted that the Publisher advertised an increased price for certain old issues, and it was decided that enquiries be made first to see whether the Society had discretion to fix an appropriate price.

Financial Statement as on 15th September, 1969

Expenditure	R.	c.	Receipts	R.	c.
Cost of production of MNASSA May and June 1969, including reprints (R21.67)	132	44	Credit Balance at 1/7/1969	50	73
Cost of reproduciton of missing issues, Vol.16 of MNASSA	13	50	Subscriptions		
Postage on publications, June and July 1969, including reprints	25	44	Arrears	32	00
Stationery and Equipment	6	10	Current	1219	00
Postage other than above	6	66	Advance	22	50
Essay Competition Prizes	29	00	Entrance Fees		17 50
Bank Charges	15	77	Sale of MNASSA		86 88
Credit Balance 15/9/1969	1216	71	Sale of Handbooks		0 50
			Donations		13 50
			Commission on Cheques		3 01
	R 1445	62		R 1445	62

In addition to the above there is an amount of R1075. 42 held in a Savings Bank Account, and it will now be possible to transfer some of the credit balance shown above to this account.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account now amounts to R303. 31, having been increased by Saving A/c Interest (R9. 12) and interest on Mortgage (R36. 41) since July 1st.

Garrett Orpen,

Hon. Treasurer.

The following new members were elected subject to the usual proviso of publication in the Notes and no objection being received:

Full Members

- Mr. C. W. de Villiers, "Stellar View", 14 Fourth Avenue, Marlands, Germiston
- Mr. J. P. Eksteen, Boyden Observatory, P. O. Box 334, Bloemfontein
- Mr. J. C. Faulkner, Dept. of Applied Maths, Univ. of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.
- Mr. P. Graham, c/o 2003 Sanlam Centre, Heerengracht, Cape Town
- Mr. G. M. Harvey, Royal Observatory, Observatory, Cape
- Mr. F. L. Jonsson, 65, 20th Avenue, Mossel Bay, Cape
- Mr. O. D. Jones, 331 Giovanetti Street, New Muckleneuk, Pretoria
- Mr. C. Middleton, 25 Chesterfield Road, Oranjezicht, Cape Town
- Mr. M. Schoeman, Lomati Estates, P/B 510, Hectorspruit, E. Transvaal
- Mr. B. van den Berg, 22 Athlone Avenue, Bloemfontein
- Mr. S. H. White, 23 Eleventh Avenue, Durban

Associate Member

- Mr. S. R. Fairall, 34 Ocean View Drive, Cape Town

Student Members

- Master H. Nowitz, 25 Montrose Avenue, Oranjezicht, Cape Town
- Master R. Sessions, 142 Milner Road, Rondebosch, Cape.

Forbes Essay Competition: Council was gratified at the publicity afforded by the Press and SABC to the presentation of the awards. Thanks were due to Prof. Jarrett, Mr. Harding, Mr. Lagerwey and Mr. Hurly for making personal presentations to the prizewinners at four of the schools concerned. The award of a special prize to Miss Y. Geldenhuys who had featured among the prizewinners for four consecutive years was not agreed to.

Durban Centre: Correspondence regarding the Durban Centre was read. Council endorsed the action taken by the Hon. Secretary, in approving the re-establishment of the Centre and expressed the good wishes of Council to those who were making such great efforts to achieve a successful Centre.

Mr. Churms intimated that he would be absent from South Africa from the end of September to the end of October.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

T. W. Russo,

Hon. Secretary.

J. Churms
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