

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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

Present: Mr. W. C. Bentley (in the Chair), Messrs. J. S. Bondiotti, J. Churr, G. A. Harding, G. Orpen and T. W. Russo as principals and the following as Alternates: Messrs. G. R. Allen, G. R. Atkins, H. C. Lagerwey, H. B. Molyneux, J. Simenhoff, I. Weinberg and Drs. A. W. J. Cousins and P. A. T. Wild.

Apologies: Prof. A. H. Jarrett, Mr. S. S. Booyesen and R. F. Hurly.

Alternates: Subject to the consent of the principals concerned, the following continued to act as in the past year:

Mr. J. Simenhoff	for	Mr. K. J. Sterling
Mr. G. R. Allen		Prof. A. H. Jarrett
Mr. H. C. Lagerwey		Mr. J. C. Bennett
Mr. R. F. Hurly		Dr. A. D. Thackeray
Mr. H. B. Molyneux		Mr. S. S. Booyesen (Natal Centre)
Dr. A. W. J. Cousins		Mr. G. J. Muller (Bloemfontein Centre)
Mr. G. R. Atkins		Mr. C. J. Poole (Transvaal Centre)

Mr. R. F. Smith of Box 10031 Pretoria, was newly appointed as Pretoria Representative on Council, and Mr. I. Weinberg of 2 Warren Court, Warrentville Terrace, Cape Town, agreed to continue to act as Alternate for Pretoria, subject to Mr. Smith's approval.

Mr. P. M. Corben no longer wished to serve on Council as his stay in South Africa was nearing an end and Dr. P. A. T. Wild of the University of Cape Town, agreed therefore to act for Mr. J. Hers in his place, subject to Mr. Hers' approval.

Minutes of Council Meeting held June 29, were then read and confirmed.

Matters arising: Astronomical News in the Press: Mr. Hurly's letter of the 22 July referring to his articles in the Cape Argus was read. His donation of R10 to Society's funds from the remuneration received was deeply appreciated by Council.

Student Members: This matter was again discussed. It was suggested that the Secretary contact individual centres to ascertain the number of student members there were, and to obtain views on the suggestion of supplying them with either current or old issues of Sky and Telescope from Society funds.

MNASSA: It was agreed that the cost of the 1971 volume to subscribers should be raised from R2.50 to R3.00 per year. At the same time endeavours would be made to increase sales to overseas institutions, particularly in the U.S.A. The cost of back issues would be R3 per volume or 30c per copy. However where the issues were more than 5 years old, the cost would be R5 per volume or 50c per copy. The cost of the Handbook would remain at 50c each. Should subscribers wish to receive MNASSA by airmail, this would be arranged at an additional cost.

Agreed that steps should be taken to have Sky and Telescope despatched direct to the University of Cape Town, from where all postings of current and back issues would be directed.

New Members The following members were elected subject to the usual proviso of publication of names in MNASSA and no objection being received:

Full Members

Mr. P. Bailey Bekker, Morgenstond, P. O. Box 8, Iswope, Tvl.  
Mr. N. J. Camons, 54, 5th Avenue, Rondebosch East, Cape.  
Rev. H. S. F. Cartens, The Peak, P. O. Box 129, Kroonstad, O.F.S.

Mr. B. S. Carter, Royal Observatory, Observatory, Cape.  
 Mr. P. B. Emmett, 117 Sandringham Centre, 80 George Avenue, Sandringham, Jhb.  
 Mr. A. L. Hall, 15 Leinster Road, Sea Point, Cape.  
 Mr. P. J. Hermahides, 28 Tunsgate Road, Northwood, Salisbury, Rhodesia.  
 Mr. H. G. Hesselmann, 1 Napier Road, Auckland Park, Johannesburg,  
 Mr. D. J. Kok, P. O. Box 421, Heidelberg, Tvl.  
 Mr. F. F. Landman, 32 George Starck Drive, Oostersee, Parow, Cape.  
 Mr. D. K. Mathew, 41 Stella Road, Plumstead, Cape  
 Mr. B. G. A. Schaller, P. O. Box 309, Estcourt, Natal  
 Mr. J. Shochot, c/o Dept. of Applied Maths., Wits. University, Jhgb.  
 Mr. W. H. Spieth, 105, 3rd Street, Booyens Reserve, Johannesburg.  
 Mr. J. V. Vincent, P. O. Box 8333, Causeway, Salisbury, Rhodesia  
 Dr. J. H. Vlck, P. O. Box 101, Sutherland, Cape  
 Mr. P. N. J. Wisse, Republic Observatory, Johannesburg.

Associate Members:

Rev. J. L. Brenninkmeijer, P. O. Box 27740, Yeoville, Johannesburg, Tvl.  
 Mrs. M. Wisse-Schouten, Republic Observatory, Johannesburg.

Finance : Mr. Orpen the Hon. Treasurer presented the following financial statement:

Financial Statement as on 14th September 1970

Expenditure	R c	Receipts	R c
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period July to Sept. 1970 (approx)	300 00	Credit Balance at 1/7/1970	340 64
Cost of production of MNASSA, April to June 1970 (including reprints R4. 96)	149 42	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Towards cost of reproduction of Vol. 26 of MNASSA	7 92	Arrears	13 00
Postage on publications	38 33	Current	994 00
Stationery	88 12	Advance	10 00
Postage, other than above	11 34	Entrance Fees	37 50
Essay Competition Prizes	32 00	Sale of MNASSA	68 37
Bank Charges	13 72	Sale of Handbooks	3 00
Transferred to Savings Bank A/c 18/8/1970	500 00	Sale of Back and extra numbers of Sky and Telescope	13 50
Credit Balance at 14/9/1970	368 01	Sale of copies of Otten's "How to make a 6" Mirror"	2 50
		Donations and excess payments	21 50
		Advertisement in MNASSA	2 00
		Commission on Cheques	2 85
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The balance in the McIntyre Award Account has been increased by Savings Bank Interest, R12 38, and half-yearly interest on Capital, R48 16, and now amounts to R409 66.

Garrett Orpen

Hon. Treasurer.

Miscellaneous: Agreed that Mr. Walker, who had applied for an additional copy of Sky and Telescope, should receive one at the cost of R4 per volume. Agreed that the membership of the P.E. Peoples Observatory and Mr. P. R. Warren should continue to remain in suspense for a limited period until the position of the payment of subscriptions was clarified.

Mr. Bentley reported on fruitful contacts made with the Natal Centre, during his recent visit to Durban.

National Youth Science Week: A further letter had now been received, asking for the name of a book which the Astronomical Society would donate as one of the prizes to be awarded for the 1971 examination. The Secretary was directed to forward the names of several suitable books for consideration by the organizers.

The Auditors for the coming year would again be Messrs Molyneux and Raphaely.

Reports and copies of Minutes from Centres were considered and handed over to the Editorial Board for publication in MNASSA.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

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Hon. Secretary.