

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at 8.00 p.m. on 1972 September 25 at the S.A. Astronomical Observatory in Cape Town.

Present: Dr. Wild (in the Chair), Messrs Churms, Hurly, Larmuth, Molyneux, Orpen, Russo, Saville, Simenhoff, Turk and Dr. Fairall.

Welcome to Messrs Larmuth, Saville and Turk on their first appearance as prospective Alternates for "out of town" members of Council.

Apologies: for absence: Prof. A. Jarrett, Mr. G. A. Harding and Dr. A.W.J. Cousins. *Mr W Bentley*

Alternates: The following Alternates were appointed/re-appointed for out of town members subject to the consent of the principals concerned.

	Principals	Alternates
For	Mr. K.J. Sterling	Mr. J. Simenhoff
	Prof. AH. Jarrett	Mr. G. R. Allen
	Dr. A.D. Thackeray	Dr. A. W. J. Cousins
	Mr. R. Papadopoulos	Mr. W. Grimwood, S.A. Astronomical Observatory, P. O. Box 9, Observatory, Cape
	Mr. M. Overbeek	Mr. G.H. Larmuth, Woodways, Chalfont Road, Newlands, Cape
	Bloemfontein Centre	Mr. J. Churms
	Durban Centre	Mr. H. Molyneux
	Transvaal Centre	Mr. N. Saville, No.1 Egham Court, Egham Road, Wynberg, Cape
	(Mr. G.F.G. Knipe)	Mr. C. Turk, 20 Nerina Avenue, Pinelands, Cape
	Pretoria Centre	

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting held 1972 June 19 were taken as read and signed.

Council: The following additional appointments to Council were approved.

Business Manager	Mr. W.C. Bentley
Editorial Board Rep.	Dr. A. P. Fairall

Editorial Board: Agreed that the Board should remain as presently constituted: namely Dr. Wild, Dr. Fairall and Mr. Churms; however with the addition of Mr. R. Hurly. Appreciation was expressed of the work done by the Board in the past, particularly in the latest issue of MNASSA.

Observing Sections: Agreed that the following should continue to operate as Directors:

Occultations	Mr. Morrisby with Mr. Overbeek as Co-ordinator
Comets and Meteors	Mr. J. Bennet
Variable Stars	Mr. R.P. de Kock

Library: Accommodation for adequate housing of books, periodicals etc. was inadequate. The Library also contained ^{some} books of little practical value to members. Mr. Molyneux agreed to investigate the situation and also to ascertain the costs of binding worthwhile journals, and such as the B.A.A. and Sky and Telescope. He would report back to Council at its next meeting.

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

Mr. R. Ashby, P. O. Box 12042, Benoryn, Benoni, Tvl.
Mr. H. J. Barnard, P. O. Box 10 Sutherland, Cape
Mr. J. A. da Silva Campos, 471 Ave. Bartolomeu Dias, Lourenco Marques 10, Mozambique
Mr. A. F. Conradie, P/B Katima Mulilo, Caprivi Training School via Pretoria
Mr. M. E. Couvaras, 504 Blinkwater, Disa Park, Vredehoek, Cape
Mr. W. G. Davis, Ormonde 2 Wood Road, Rondebosch, Cape

Please confirm your acceptance of Alternate proposed either to the Hon. Secretary or preferably to the person concerned.

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Mrs M. Deneys, P. O. Box 33, Modderpoort, O.F.S.
Mr. S. Frankel, P. O. Box 2452, Cape Town
Mr. B. K. Gouws, 6 Dubsin Place, Derwent Avenue, Farrarmere, Benoni, Tvl.
Mr. G. Grabner, 7 Marinda Court, Prinsloo Street, Turffontein West, Johannesburg
Mr. F. M. Hamm, Dept. of Physics, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, Cape
Mr. N.H.S. Hinton, P. O. Box 2092, Johannesburg
Mr. P. Johnson, P. O. Box 62357, Marshalltown, Tvl.
Miss P. M. Littlewort, Ivanhoe, Rouwkoop Avenue, Rondebosch, Cape
Mr. B.H. Lombard, 5 Romanina Court, Chelmsford Road, Vredehoek, Cape
Mr. P. McLeroth, P. O. Box 88, Selukwe, Rhodesia
Mrs. M. Potgieter, 21 Ayres Street, Rosebank, Cape
Dr. A.L.T. Powell, Radcliffe Observatory, P. O. Box 373, Pretoria, Tvl
Mr. A. Purdy, 17 Hampstead Road, Claremont, Cape
Prof. S. Skewes, 9 Firdale Road, Newlands, Cape
Mr. F.N.J. Smit, P. O. Box 526, Kimberley
Master G. Spector, "La Tourelle", Agapanthus Avenue, Vredehoek, Cape
Mr. E. L. Strauss, P. O. Box 18, Goodwood, Cape
Mrs. C. Strong, 52 Victoria Road, Bakoven
Mr. A. Swarts, Boyden Observatory, P. O. Box 334, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.
Dr. G.R. van Dugteren, 42 Kildare Road, Newlands, Cape
Mr. P. Vekinis, 84 Ridge Plaza, 16 Primrose Terrace, Johannesburg,
Mr. M. C. H. Venter, P. O. Box 62357, Marshalltown, Tvl.

Finance: Mr. Orpen presented the following financial statement, which was accepted by the Meeting. (see next page)

The question of the effect of the increased cost of Sky and Telescope on the finances of the Society was again discussed. It was agreed that any decision to increase subscription rates to offset the increased costs should be considered at the next Council Meeting. Agreed also that members who had paid in advance their dues before the announcement of an increase in the rates should not be called upon to pay the shortfall for that year. The question of foreign members paying the actual individual postage, which had now become considerable, should also be considered.

Sky and Telescope: New members joining during the months November and December ; May and June should be given the option of delaying the effective date of joining until January 1 or July 1, saving a halfyear's subscription, as an alternative to joining from either of the two previous recognised dates. This latter course would mean a possibility of having to wait until copies of Sky and Telescope in short supply could be obtained from the USA.

With regard to surplus copies of old issues, Mr. Molyneux offered to try to dispose of some at public viewing nights at the S.A.A.O. Mr. Churms agreed to liaison with Mr. Molyneux with a view of disposing of those back issues which were accumulating.

Essay Competition: Members were reminded that at the end of the year consideration would have to be given to the selection of a suitable subject for the 1973 Forbes Essay Competition.

Miscellaneous: The contents of a communication received from Prof. Jarrett, acknowledging with thanks receipt of the Society's contribution towards the expense incurred by him in order to officiate at the presentation of the McIntyre Award was noted.

An application by Jair Barroso Junior of the National Observatory in Argentina to resume membership had been received. He had been removed from the membership role in 1964 through non payment of his subscription. Agreed that he could join from a current date provided a current subscription and an entrance fee were paid direct to the Society by a Bankers Draft on a South African Bank, and that regular payments were continued without delay and by the same means.

The contents of a letter received from Mr. Nesor, Secretary of the Bloemfontein Centre was noted. Agreed that the Despatch Section should supply the names and addresses of members residing in the Orange Free State, and in addition it was suggested that members in the Kimberley area should be included.

Agreed that Council had no objection to the Bloemfontein Centre being known as the O.F.S. Centre, but it was pointed out that anomalies which do and have existed in other Provinces could arise in the future. For example there is the Transvaal Centre whose name embraces the whole Province with a Pretoria Centre in the same Province. There is also the Cape Centre in the Cape Province, although at one time there was a Port Elizabeth, also in the Cape Province. The Secretary was directed to embody these points in his reply to Mr. Nesor.

Financial Statement as on 1972 September 25.

Expenditure	R	c.	Receipts	R.	c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for July and August 1972	345	20	Credit Balance at 1/7/72	320	64
Cost of production of MNASSA March-May 1972	326	71	<u>Subscriptions</u>		
Cost of reprints of articles in MNASSA	16	26	Arrears	9	00
Postage on publications July and August 1972	69	88	Current	1608	00
Stationery and Equipment	17	14	Advance	18	00
Postage, other than above	12	33	Entrance Fees	67	50
Cost of production of 1000 copies of Constitution	90	97	Sale of MNASSA	123	78
Essay Competition Prizes	29	00	Sale of Handbooks	8	50
Advertisements of McIntyre Award Presentation Meeting	19	90	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	32	00
Transferred to Saving Bank Account, July and August 1972	700	00	Donations	17	42
Bank Charges	19	99	Commission on Cheques and Airmail postage paid	12	70
Credit Balance at 25/9/1972	570	16			
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It should be noted that payment for the Reprints from MNASSA, the cost of which appears in this statement, was received during the previous Financial Year. The accounts for the production of MNASSA are still being received late and thus neither the balance at 1st July nor that at date reflects the true position. The amount held in the Savings Bank is now R800.00.

The balance in the McIntyre Award account is now R210.25, interest of R28.43 having been received during September 1972.

Garrett Orpen,
Hon. Treasurer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

T. W. Russo,
Hon. Secretary.

Garrett Orpen
20/11/72