

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING TO
BE HELD ON 1st MAY. 1973

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	
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Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for period July 1972 to February 1973	1362-74	Credit Balance at 1/7/1972.	320-64
Cost of production of M.N.A.S.S.A., March 1972 to February 1973	1111-46	<u>Subscription..</u>	
Cost of reprints of Articles in M.N.A.S.S.A., payment for some of which was received during the previous Financial Year	26-79	Arrears	13-20
Expenditure in connection with the reproduction of Back Nos. of M.N.A.S.S.A.	8-25	Current	2292-00
Cost of production of Handbook for 1973	430-00	Advance	<u>127-80</u>
Postage on publications, July 1972 to April 1973	270-15	Entrance Fees	177-50
Stationery & Equipment	180-31	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	262-56
Postage, other than above	28-69	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A. Back Nos.	100-25
Cost of production of 1000 copies of Constitution	90-97	Sale of Handbooks	170-90
Essay Competition Prizes	29-00	Sale of back and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	62-60
Advertisements of McIntyre Award Presentation Meeting	19-90	Donations	26-22
Transferred to Savings Bank A/c., July & August 1972	700-00	Advertisements in M.N.A.S.S.A.	2-00
Bank Charges & Exchange Losses.	53-13	Interest on Building Society Shares	15-50
Credit Balance at 1/5/1973.	1113-28	Interest on Fixed Deposit	75-00
	<u>R5426-67</u>	Withdrawn from Savings Bank A/x, January 1973	750-00
		Withdrawn from Fixed Deposit, 25/3/1973	1000-00
		Withdrawn from Savings Bank A/x, January 1973	...
		Commission on Cheques, exchange gains and air-mail postage paid	28050
			<u>R5426-67</u>

The amount at present held in the Savings Bank A/c. is R50-00

It has been necessary to withdraw the amount of R1000 which has been held on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society for two years.

The amount in the McIntyre Award Account is now R294-63, interest of R28-44 having been received during March 1973.

Garrett Orfan
HON. TREASURER.

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Minutes of Council Meeting held at the S A Astronomical Observatory on Tuesday May 1, 1973 at 8 p.m.

Present Messrs Bentley Bosdietti, Churms, Hurly, Orpen, Russo, *Molyneux*
Dr Cousins
Saville, Simenhoff and Dr. Wild. Mr. Harding was in
the chair.

Apologies for absence received from Prof. Jarrett, Dr. Fairall,
Messrs Larmuth, Turk and Papadopolous.

Minutes of the previous meeting held January 29, 1973, which had been
circulated, were taken as read and adopted.

Matters arising Astronomy as part of the School curriculum: Mr Bosdietti
spoke at some length on enquiries he had made. Three of the
schools he had contacted were in favour of the teaching of
astronomy. There appeared to be two possible ways of introducing
the subject. Firstly by having it form part or an extension of a
present existing subject, like physics, or secondly by introducing
it as a separate additional subject on a school's curriculum.
This latter course would require teachers specially qualified.
It was mentioned that a new physics course would become operative
in 1974. After some discussion the matter was left over for the
next Council meeting. Mr. Harding thanked Mr. Bosdietti for the
time and thought given.

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

Mr J B Bate, 21 Kenwood Rd., Fishhoek, Cape

Mr J E Bybee, 15 Constantia St., Paarl

Mr E Chapman, 14 Freesia Ave., Devils Peak Cape Town

Mr G K Forshaw, "Sideways", Timber Way, Bergvliet C P

Mr L Frandsen, Gaborone Secondary School, P/Bag 19, Gaborone

Mr D Gibbon, P O Box 230, Umtali Rhodesia

Mr A N Kelly, 58 Kingdom St., Krugersdorp North, Tvl.

New members (Contd.)

Mr. G D Kilgour, 11 Twindale, Maud St., Sandown, SANDTON, TVL
Mr. W König, P O Box 5809, Windhoek, S W A
Mr. W Liebeck, P O Box 2402, CAPE TOWN
Mr. J McBain, 36-7th Ave., Woodville, Bulawayo, Rhodesia
Mr. D.M. MacLeod, 22 Booth Road, Athlone Park, Natal
Mr. R G Salmon, 21 Jesmond Road, Durban
Mr M M Shimkins, 39 Cochlan Ave., Kumalo, Bulawayo or Box 1161
Mr A S Stemmett, P O Box 2618, Cape Town
Mr G Thorning, 2 Florence Ave., Observatory C P
Mr E R M van de Walle, Grundlingsstreet 11, De Aar
Dr. K-L von Bezing, 8 Piet Retief Str., Tulbagh. C.P

Finance

The statement, which follows at the end of these minutes, was presented by the Hon. Treasurer Mr Orpen and adopted on the motion of Dr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Saville.

Miscellaneous

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Kodak Screen, appearing on the official Society's Inventory, had been missing for a long time, and that its whereabouts could not be traced. It has been confirmed that the screen, ~~was~~ used by the Society over the past years was the property of the Observatory, and the smaller portable screen owned by the Society, had probably been borrowed and not returned. It was approved that this item should be written off,

Essay Competition

Agreed that the same adjudicators as last year should be appointed, with the possible inclusion of Mr. Nesor of Paarl.

Foundation for Science & Technology

Agreed to donate R10, the cost of one slide rule, towards the prizes awarded for the Science Week to be held in Pretoria in July.

Sutherland Council was gratified to know that the local people of Sutherland had formed an Astronomical Society. This was largely the result of the interest shown and the encouragement given by Mr. Barnard of the Sutherland Observing Station and Mr. Grimwood of the S A A O. It was hoped that this would lead to an increase in the Society membership from this area and possibly the formation of a local Centre.

Next meeting

The date was set for 1973 June 20.

The meeting thereupon closed at 9.30 p.m.

*J. Russo
Hon Secretary*

F. A. Tobie