

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the SAAO, Cape Town on Tuesday 4 September 1973 at 8 p.m.

Present Mr. G. Harding (in the chair) Dr. Cousins, Messrs. Bentley, Grimwood, Larmuth, Molyneux, Orpen, Russo, Saville and Simenhoff.

Apologies for absence received from Messrs. Allan, Churms and Hurly, Drs. Fairall and Wild.

Alternates for members of Council living away from Cape Town were appointed as follows:-

Principal

Mr. R. Papadopolous
22 Waterkloof Rd
Westcliffe Johannesburg

Mr. K. Sterling
5 Hekla Rd
Valhalla Pretoria

Mr. S.S. Booysen
34 Lynn Ave
Glenashley Durban

Mr. M.D. Overbeek
60 Edward Drive
Glendower, Edenvale Tvl

Dr. A. Thackeray
P O Box 373
Pretoria Tvl

Transvaal Representative

Pretoria Representative

Bloemfontein Representative

Natal Representative:
Mr. G. Hobson
548 Windermere Rd
Durban Natal

Alternate

Mr. W. Grimwood
P O Box 9
Observatory C P

Mr. J. Simenhoff
51 Belmont Ave
Oranjezicht Cape Town

Mr. G. Allan
78 Sixth Ave
Vredelust Bellville C P

Mr. G. Larmuth
"Woodways" Chalfont Rd
Newlands Cape

Dr. A. Cousins
P O Box 9
Observatory C P

Mr. N. Saville
1 Egham Court
Egham Rd. Wynberg C P

Mr. G. Turk
20 Nerina Ave
Pinelands Cape

Mr. J. Churms
P O Box 9
Observatory C P

Mr. H. Molyneux
34 Balfour Rd
Rondebosch C P

Mr. Saville intimated that he no longer wished to serve as alternate, but agreed to continue until the next meeting pending someone else being appointed in the meantime.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held 1973 June 20 were read and confirmed.

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Matters arising

- (a) Astronomy in the Schools and
- (b) Title for the Amateur Notes

were left over for the next meeting in view of the absence of Dr. Wild and Mr. Bondiette *for item (a) and in view of the absence of Dr. Fairall in the case of item (b)*
Financial Statement

This was presented by Mr. Orpen and adopted on the motion of Mr. Simenhoff, seconded by Mr. Bentley.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
	R. c.		R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope for July and August 1973	303-75	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Cost of Reprints of Article in M.N.A.S.S.A.	8-00	Arrears	2-50
Postage on Publications July and August 1973	48-78	Current	2014-00
Stationery and Equipment	15-72	Advance	58-50
Postage, other than above	2-16	Entrance Fees	32-50
Essay Competition Prizes	21-50	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	51-83
Transferred to Savings Bank A/c., July and August 1973.	1000-00	Sale of Reprints of Articles in M.N.A.S.S.A.	15-00
Placed on Fixed Deposit	1000-00	Sale of Handbooks	1-50
Bank Charges and Exchange Losses	3-37	Sale of back and extra nos. of "Sky & Telescope"	22-00
Credit Balance, 4/9/1973	616-50	Donations	14-00
		Advertisements in M.N.A.S.S.A.	4-00
		Commission and Airmail Postage received	9-54
	<u>R3019-78</u>		<u>R3019-78</u>

An amount of R1000-00 was placed on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society on 1st August 1973. The amount at present in the Savings Bank A/c (Standard Bank, Heerengracht) is R1050-00.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R359-33, interest of R26-71 having been received on 1st September 1973.

Auditors It was noted that at the Annual General Meeting held in Pretoria, Messrs. Molyneux and Raphaely were again appointed.

New Members

Election of the following were approved subject to the usual proviso of publication of names in M.N.A.S.S.A. and no objection being received.

Mrs J Donaldson
 32 Surrey Mansions
 323 Currie Road Durban

Mr. M.A. Gray
 3 Robinson Road
 Pinetown Natal

Mr. W.J. Hugo
 P O Box 111
 Hatfield, Salisbury

Mr. A.E. Ilesley
 18 Bootes St.,
 Waterkloof Ridge Pretoria

New Members (Contd.)

Mr. G P Magee
Helderberg College
P O Box 22
Somerset West

Mr. J B Pretorius
P O Box 2034
Stellenbosch
(63 Bird Street)

Mr. G F Rust
Rhodesia Chrome Mines
P O Box 124
Selukwe Rhodesia

Mr. W R Windisch
932 Crots St
Rietfontein Pretoria

Mr. E J B Mills
70 McDonald Road
Glenwood Durban

Mr. G J Prinsloo
2 New Haven
Fifth Street
Bloemfontein

Mr. W S W Spiers
287 Ipahla Road
Amanzimtoti
Natal South Coast

Handbook The Hon. Secretary mentioned that Dr. Fairall would appreciate some assistance with its compilation. Messrs. Grimwood, Molyneux, and Simenhoff volunteered their services. It was also suggested that Dr. Dean and Mr. Olowin of the S A Astronomical Observatory staff might be approached.

Editorial Board

A request had been received from Dr. Wild for the appointment of a further assistant Editor for M.N.A.S.S.A. Some discussion ensued regarding the choice of a suitable person to fill the position. No decision was taken.

Essay Competition

Reference was made to the poor response in the 1973 Competition. Members were asked to give thought to holding the Competition in 1974 on the same lines, or in a different mode, or on the other hand, not at all. Decision should be taken at the next meeting so that schools and interested parties could be notified before the close of the school year. A suggested topic for both sections was the Comet Kohoutek, which was expected to be a spectacular object at the year end.

Miscellaneous

Agreed that a few schools should be asked whether they would like to receive "gratis" old copies of Sky & Telescope for their libraries; a specimen copy to accompany the enquiry. This would perhaps stimulate interest in Astronomy, at the same time putting redundant copies to good use.

Should the replies be favourable other schools could be approached.

The next meeting was fixed for November 6.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

T W Russo
6/11/73

T W Russo
Hon. Secretary