

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th November 1973 at the SAAO, Cape Town at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Harding (in the chair) Messrs. Bentley, Larmuth, Molyneux, Orpen, Russo, Turk. Drs. Fairall and Cousins.

APOLOGIES: for absence received from Dr. Wild, Messrs. Churms, Grimwood, Hurly and Saville, *Simenhoff*.

ALTERNATES: Dr. van Dugteren and Mr. C. Larmuth were two members who could possibly act as alternates in place of Mr. G. Allan and Mr. N. Saville, who had difficulty in attending meetings. The Hon. Secretary was directed to approach these two members to see if they would be willing to act in this capacity.

MINUTES of the previous meeting, of September 4, which had been circulated were adopted with one amendment as follows:- Under 'Matters arising', add at end:- "for item (a) and in view of the absence of Dr. Fairall in the case of item (b)".

MATTERS ARISING:

- (a) Astronomy in Schools: The Hon. Secretary was directed to ascertain from the sub-committee appointed to consider the matter what progress had been made.
- (b) Reference the symposium held in Pretoria by the S A Mathematical Society on October 22/23 (vide Minutes June 20), it was noted that Mr. Wolterbeek, who had agreed to attend on behalf of the Society, had not communicated any report. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to him on this score.

NEW MEMBERS:

The following new members were elected subject to their names being published in MNASSA, and no objection being received.

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FINANCE: The following statement was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bentley seconded by Mr. Larmuth.

Financial statement for presentation to Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th November 1973.

<u>Expenditure</u>	R. c.	<u>Receipts</u>	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for period July to October 1973	622-36	Credit Balance at 1.7.73	794-41
Cost of production of MNASSA for July and August 1973	143-70	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Cost of Reprints of Articles in MNASSA	16-00	Arrears 2-50	
Postage on Publications, July to October 1973	114-11	Current 2820-50	
Stationery and Equipment	15-72	Advance <u>100-50</u>	2923-50
Postage, other than above	9-12	Entrance Fees	72-50
Essay Competition Prizes	21-50	Sale of MNASSA	100-66
Transferred to Savings Bank A/c., July and August 1973	1000-00	Sale of Reprints of Articles in MNASSA	35-00
Placed on Fixed Deposit	1000-00	Sale of Handbooks	4-00
Bank Charges and Exchange losses	33-17	Sale of back and extra nos. of "Sky & Telescope"	48-50
Credit Balance 6.11.73.	<u>1046-94</u>	Donations	18-00
	R 4022-62	Advertisements in MNASSA	4-00
		Interest on Fixed Deposit	7-75
		Commission on cheques and Airmail postage received	14-30
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The amount on Fixed Deposit and the amount in the Savings Bank Account remain at R1000-00 and R1050-00 respectively.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account remains at R359-33.

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FORBES ESSAY COMPETITION:

Agreed that the subject for the 1974 Competition should be "Comets". Special credit would be given for observations of comet Kohoutek, should it prove to be of a spectacular brightness at the year end.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- (a) Agreed that the Hon. Treasurer should supply Dr. Fairall periodically with a "Float" of sufficient monies to cover the anticipated expenses of the postage incurred in connection with the despatch of the monthly publications.
- (b) In connection with a request from Mr. T. Geary of the Transvaal Planetarium, it was agreed that R15-00 would be a reasonable charge for the insertion of an advertisement to cover the back page of the Handbook.
- (c) The "Reader's Digest" of 1973 November contains an article on "Amateurs who follow the Stars". Addresses of Representatives of the Centres are also given. This has resulted in several enquiries being received in Cape Town regarding possible membership.
- (d) Mr. Molyneux stated that he had a quote of R3-80 a volume for binding. He was authorized to spend up to R50 for binding back issues of the B.A.A., MNASSA and S & T.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

T W Russo
HON. SECRETARY

T. W. Russo
CHAIRMAN