

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1974 May 13 at the S A Astronomical Observatory Cape Town at 8 p.m.

Present Mr G. Harding (in the chair). Drs. Cousins and Fairall and Thackeray, Messrs Bondietti, Hurly, G. Larmuth, C. Larmuth, Molyneux, Orpen, Simenhoff, Turk and Russo. *D. Van Dyk*

Mr. Harding extended a warm welcome to Dr. Thackeray who was now able to make a personal appearance.

Apologies for absence received from Dr. Wild, Messrs. Bentley and Churms.

Minutes of previous meeting held 1974 February 18 were read and confirmed.

- Matters arising
- (a) Astronomy in Schools. Agreed that annotated copy of text book (used up to Standard VI), containing suggested improvements be forwarded to the Department of Education. Also that the Department be informed that the Society would be prepared to vet any proposed changes in the astronomical part of a syllabus, before such proposals were implemented.
 - (b) Nova Search Section. The Hon. Secretary reported that five members had intimated that they would participate. Mr. Lessing of Malan St, Riviera Pretoria had offered to be project leader. Before further action would be taken, Mr. Bennet, also of Malan Street would be consulted.
 - (c) Almanac for S.A. Mr Holcroft had been in communication with the British Almanac office, who had in turn referred him to the Society. Agreed that Dr. Fairall could furnish him with whatever material he required and which was available from the Handbook.

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

Prof. J.F.de Wet P O Box 13145 HUMEWOOD 6013 Port Elizabeth	Mr. C.R.J. Maceachern P O Box 309 SOMERSET WEST 7130	Mr. C. Miller 32 Golf Club Terrace DISCOVERY 1710
Mr P.T. Raggett Oak Flats 10 Oak Street OBSERVATORY 7900	Mr. A.J. Middleton 86 Heine Road, LOMBARDY EAST 2001	Mr. A.G. Willemsen P O Box 85 SELUKWE Rhodesia
Mr E.W. Sawyer Geological Survey P O Box 2168 WINDHOEK 9100	Mr. D.J. Scholtz Kransfontein P K CAMPBELL 8360	Mr. S.C.N. Wikner Malton Cottage Malton Road WYNBERG 7800
Mr. P.W. Schmitt 72 Palmyra Road NEULANDS 7700	Mr. J.A. Vos 16 Matumi Ave Birchleigh KEMPTON PARK 1620	Mr. M.G. Rawson 101 Steinhof 21 Beatrice Lane Berea JOHANNESBURG 2001
Mr. J.A. Jackson 1 Kindroggan Ringwood Drive PINELANDS 7405	Mr. D.I. Michie 9 Bayswater Road KENSINGTON "B" Randburg 2001	Dr. B.L. Ross P O Box 30 MTUNZINI Zululand 3867

Finance The following statement was presented by Mr. Orpen, and adopted on the motion of Mr. Molyneux, seconded by Mr. Simenhoff.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING TO
BE HELD ON MONDAY, 13th MAY, 1974

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	R. c.	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for period July 1973 to April 1974	1563-37	Credit Balance 1.7.73.	794-41
Cost of production of MNASSA, July to December 1973, plus further small expenses	511-03	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Cost of Reprints of Articles in MNASSA	16-00	Arrears 2-50	
Expenditure on MNASSA Back numbers	4-84	Current 3262-50	
Cost of production of Handbook	334-93	Advance <u>214-50</u>	3479-50
Postage on Publications, July 1973 to April 1974	318-34	Entrance Fees	187-50
Stationery & Equipment	84-72	Sale of MNASSA	349-33
Postage, other than above	29-83	Sale of Reprints of Articles in MNASSA	35-00
Essay Competition Prizes	21-50	Sale of MNASSA Back numbers	20-00
Transferred to Savings Bank A/c July & August 1973	1000-00	Payment for Article in MNASSA	16-00
Placed on Fixed Deposit 1st August 1973	1000-00	Sale of Handbooks	284-60
Bank Charges	62-94	Sale of Back and Extra nos. of "Sky & Telescope"	60-50
Credit Balance at 13.5.1974.	403-51	Sale of Other Books	0-54
		Donations	19-50
		Advertisements in MNASSA	34-00
		Interest on Building Society Shares	15-42
		Interest on Fixed Deposit	32-50
		Commission on Cheques and Airmail postage received	22-21
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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 is now R411-10, interest of R26-62 having been received during March 1974.

(Sgd.) Garrett Orpen
HON. TREASURER

Non-European Membership

This matter had been raised by Natal Centre with a view to seeking Council's guidance and/or ruling regarding the admission of Non-Europeans. It was clear from the Society's Constitution that no racial barriers existed. Any problems which could arise at meetings organised by Centres would have to be dealt with by the Centre concerned, having regard to the prevailing circumstances. Mr. Harding and the Hon. Secretary would write a reply to the Centre Representative.

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Natal Midlands Section

Council formally approved of the formation of this new Centre.

The President, Mr Harding had already sent a congratulatory message for the inaugural meeting and the Hon. Secretary had replied to the application to form the Centre, anticipating Council's approval.

The S A I P Conference

An invitation to send representatives to the meetings to be held in Potchefstroom 2-5 July had been received. Action had been taken to see whether any up-country members would be in a position to attend.

Copperbelt Astronomical Society

Membership lapsed in 1968. Application had been received for re-instatement, and approval to waive payment of Entrance Fees was given.

Despatch of Publications

Council members were asked to give some thought to this aspect of the Society's activities. The amount of time required was increasing with the growth in Society membership, and matters were reaching a stage where one member, Dr Fairall, was carrying far too great a load on private and worktime,

Dr Stoy's Retirement

Dr Thackeray mentioned Dr Stoy's probable retirement at the end of the year. In view of his long association with the Society, it was agreed that members known to him would be invited to add their signatures to a congratulatory message later on in the year.

Essay Competition

Closing date was May 31. Dr Thackeray agreed to act as one of the adjudicators. Prof. Cilliers and Dr Dean were two who could possibly assist.

Annual General Meeting

This would be held in Cape Town on the 4th Wednesday in July, viz the 24th. If this date coincided with one of Prof. Warner's lectures at the U.C.T. it would be set for the previous Tuesday,

Next Council Meeting

This was set for Tuesday June 25.

The meeting closed at 10 p.m.

T W Russo
HON. SECRETARY

T. W. Russo
25/6/74

Minute Book

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES of Meeting held 1974 June 25

NEW COUNCIL

The Hon. Secretary reported that only sufficient nominations for the new Council for the session 1974/75 had been received. A ballot was therefore unnecessary.

The new Council to be announced at the Annual General Meeting will be constituted as follows:-

President Mr C Papadopolous

Vice-Presidents Mr G A Harding
Dr P Wild
Mr S Booyesen

Members Dr A Thackeray
Mr R Hurly
Mr M Overbeek
Mr M Gray

Hon. Secretary Mr T W Russo

Hon. Treasurer Mr G Orpen

Business Manager Mr W Bentley