

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the S A Astronomical Observatory, Cape Town on Tuesday 1975 September 16 at 8 p.m.

Present Dr Feast (in the chair) Messrs Churms, Duveen, Hurly, G. Larmuth, C. Larmuth, Orpen, Roberts, Russo.

Apologies for absence noted from Prof. Warner, Dr. Wild, Dr. Thackeray, Messrs Bentley, Molyneux and Papadopolous.

Alternates The following were reappointed subject to the approval of the Principals concerned:-

<u>Principal</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Mr. S. Booysen	Mr. C. Larmuth
M. Overbeek	G. Larmuth
M. Gray	G. Roberts
Tvl. Representative	Dr. G.R. van Dugteren
Bfn. "	Mr. J. Churms
Natal "	H. Molyneux
Pretoria "	G. Turk

Dr. van Dugteren was not present and his agreeableness to continue to act as an alternate was to be confirmed.
Dr. Cousins to be asked to act for Mr. Papadopolous in place of Mr. Grimwood.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held 1975 June 18 were confirmed.

Matters Arising

- (a) Mr. Turk stated that the matter of insurance of Society's telescopes had yet to be finalized, and he expected to be able to report to this effect at the next Council meeting. A provisional value of R2000 had been envisaged with an annual premium of R20. This would be arranged through Mr. Gray of Durban. It was reaffirmed that a Centre or a member in receipt of a loan of a telescope would be liable for a pro rata share of the premium for the period concerned.
- (b) Associate Members. Considerable discussion took place on this aspect of Society membership. The Constitution laid down that Associates could only join as such by virtue of being linked to a Centre. Council approved such applications for membership made in the prescribed manner on Nomination forms, but had no subsequent knowledge of such members ceasing to be as such. Some Council members felt that this situation should be regularized and with this end in view Mr. Duveen proposed that Centres should produce for Council annually a list of members (full and associate), paying a suggested levy of 10c per head. Publications of the Society including Sky & Telescope, one copy of each issue, would be sent to the Centre. This was seconded by Mr. Orpen. The Hon. Secretary pointed out the desirability of all Council members considering the matter and briefing their alternates where necessary before a decision was taken. The motion was therefore left over to the next Council meeting.

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- (c) The Editorial Board as presently constituted was confirmed. Details are as hereunder:-

Editors of MNASSA	A.D. Thackeray J. Churms	
Editor of Handbook	R.F. Hurly	
Members of Board	D.S. Evans M.D. Overbeek R.H. Stoy P.A.T. Wild	University of Texas University of Edinburgh

- (d) Mr. Duveen stated that the Midlands Centre would be applying formally for the loan of a telescope. A member of the Centre, due to visit Cape Town, would arrange for its transport to Natal by air.

Finance

Mr. Orpen presented the following financial statement, which was adopted on the motion of Mr. Duveen seconded by Mr. G. Larmuth.

<u>Expenditure</u>	R. c.	<u>Receipts</u>	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for July and August 1975	439-54	Credit balance at 1.7.75.	88-67
Addressing and despatch of publications, July and August 1975	33-54	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on publications, July and August 1975	79-44	Arrears 17-36	
Stationery	13-80	Current 2005-82	
Postage, other than above	10-72	Advance <u>61-30</u>	2084-48
Transferred to Plusplan A/c, July 1975	1000-00	Entrance Fees	52-50
Bank charges	24-42*	Sale of MNASSA	85-75
Credit balance at 16.9.1975	875-61	Sale of MNASSA back numbers	63-00
		Sale of Handbooks	23-50
		Sale of back and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	4-00
		Donations	19-06
		Interest on Fixed Deposit	50-00
		Commission on cheques and airmail postage paid	6-11
	<u>R2477-07</u>		<u>R2477-07</u>

The amount in the Plusplan A/c., with the Standard Bank, Heerengracht Branch is now R1950-00, and the amount of R1000-00 is still on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society at an interest rate of 10%.

The balance in the McIntyre Award A/c. is now R664-57, bond interest of R34-41 and interest on fixed deposit of R22-50 having been added since 1.7.1975.

Garrett Orpen
HON. TREASURER

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Mr. Orpen stated that he estimated that about 200 members had not yet paid their dues, and were liable for suspension after the present month. Agreed that postal reminders should be sent out, there being no advantage in waiting for the insertion of insets in MNASSA.

New Members

The following nominations were approved subject to the usual proviso of publication of names in MNASSA and no objection being received.

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Miscellaneous Mr. Orpen reported that Mr. N. Lincoln a staunch member for over 40 years had now resigned at the age of 90 years. He had already paid the current year's subscription, and it was suggested that Mr. Churms, as alternate for Bloemfontein Centre Representative, should make discreet enquiries as to the circumstances in which the resignation was made.

Mr. Hurly reported that he had received much data for the 1976 Handbook. He also mentioned that the despatch of publications by the Afric Mail Advertising Co. was proceeding satisfactorily. Mr. Russo stated that there was a shortfall of 16 in the July batch of Sky & Telescope, resulting in some members not receiving their copies. Mr. Bentley had already been asked to deal with the matter and to increase by 20 our quota for Sky & Telescope to 520 with effect from July 1975.

Advertising In the ... as a source of revenue was discussed. Mr. Duveen mentioned two firms who might be interested.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

T.W. Russo
HON. SECRETARY

T. Russo

Smith

CHAIRMAN

25/11/75