

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the S.A.A.O., Cape Town on 1977 September 12 at 20h00.

Present Mr Hurly in the chair, Drs. Cousins, Thackeray and Wild. Messrs Bentley, Bondiette, C.Larmuth, G. Larmuth, Molyneux, Orpen, Roberts, Russo, Rysdyk. Turk.

Apologies for absence noted from Prof. Warner, Mr Duveen and Mr Simenhoff.

Welcome to Mr C. Rysdyk formerly of Salisbury and now resident in Cape Town. Attending as alternate for Mr J Vincent.

Alternates The following were appointed subject to the agreement of the principals concerned:

<u>Principal</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Mr S. Booysen	Mr C. Larmuth
Mr M.A. Gray	Mr G. Roberts
Mr J. Vincent	Mr. C.L. Rysdyk
Mr G. Muller	Mr G. Larmuth
Dr E. Baart	Dr P. Wild
Tvl Representative	Mr J. Simenhoff
Pretoria "	Mr C. Turk
Natal "	
Mr G. Hobson	Mr J. Bondietti
548 Windermere Rd	Electricity House
Durban 4001	Strand Str
	Cape Town 8001
Natal Midlands	
Representative	
Dr G. Prosser	Mr V. Duveen
Salisbury Representative	
Mr C.J. Armstrong	Dr A. Cousins
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Highlands	P O Box 9
Salisbury	Observatory 7935

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1977 June 16, which had been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters arising (a) 15% Customs Levy. The Treasurer reported that the Sky & Telescope Corporation had given certified Domestic Values of the bulk supplies to Society. This proved to be half of the landed value on which the levy was being assessed. R80 pm had been paid to date; this would be reduced to R40 pm. A letter received from the Board of Trade and Industries in Pretoria stated that no assistance could be given to the matter of relieving the Society of this levy. This was in response to representations made by the Hon. Secretary.

(b) Disposal of old books. Mr Bondietti reported that he was not in a position to help in this matter as it would entail calling on the Bookseller, Clarke of Long Street during business hours. Agreed that Dr Thackeray and/or Mr C Rysdyk undertake this matter after Prof. Warner had an opportunity to see the books in question.

(c) Trust Fund. Mr Turk reported that this had been duly registered, and that funds now totalled R110. Mr G. Larmuth was appointed auditor.

Finance

Mr Orpen presented the following financial statement.

Financial statement for presentation to Council meeting to be held on Monday, 12th September 1977

<u>Expenditure</u>	R. c	<u>Receipts</u>	R. c
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" July & August 1977	545-64	Credit Balance at 1.7.1977	68-88
Cost of production of MNASSA, July & August 1977 <i>May 1977</i>	256-28	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Expenditure on reproduction of back numbers of MNASSA	0-65	Arrears	86-00
Cost of reprints of articles in MNASSA	36-37	Current	3457-00
Addressing and despatch of publications, July - August	28-99	Advance	20-50
Postage on publications, July & August 1977	90-65	Entrance Fees	35-00
Stationery & Equipment	132-55	Sale of MNASSA	174-00
Postage, other than above	10-89	Sale of reproduced back numbers of MNASSA	51-50
Customs duty on "Sky & Telescope" June & July 1977	81-60	Page charges for articles in MNASSA and sale of reprints	45-00
Insurance of Society's Telescopes	24-00	Sale of Handbooks	51-00
Essay Competition prizes	45-00	Sale of back and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	48-00
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c, July 1977	1700-00	Donations	6-00
Bank charges and exchange losses	37-31	Interest on Fixed Deposit	50-00
Credit Balance at 12.9.1977	1121-84	Commission on cheques, air- mail postage paid and ex- change <i>notes</i>	18-80
	<u>R 4111-77</u>		<u>R 4111-77</u>

The amount in the Society's "Plusplan" A/c. at date is R2500-00, and R1000-00 is still on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R1020-65, Fixed Deposit interest of R22-50 having been added on 1st July, on which date a further R550-00 was placed on Fixed Deposit, making a total of R1000-00 now on Fixed Deposit at an interest rate of 10%.

(Sgd) Garrett Orpen
Hn. Treasurer

Mr Rysdyk raised the possibility of sending "Sky & Telescope" to Salisbury in bulk for distribution to local members there, thereby possibly saving postage. This would be investigated.

Agreed that Mr Overbeek should receive MNASSA only, during his stay in the U.S.A., and that he would then only pay the MNASSA subscription.

New
Members

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

Mrs F S F Aplin
9 Illova Close
Sentosa, Mabelreign
SALISBURY, Rhodesia

Mr J Q A Dos Santos
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JOHANNESBURG 2197

Mr J A Forbes
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NORTHCLIFF EXT 20
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Mr P Kent
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Mr M Levin
P O Box 91
QUEENSTOWN 5326

Mr R C Liebenberg
23 Glen St
Kenmare
KRUGERSDORP 1740

Mr M S Potgieter
Dept. Fisika
P.U vir C.H.O.
POTCHEFSTROOM 2520

Physics Department
University of Rhodesia
P O Box MP 167
Mount Pleasant
SALISBURY
Rhodesia

Forbes
Essay
Competition

It was agreed that this would again be held in 1978, under the same conditions as applied in 1977. The title selected was "Astronomical Telescopes".

Membership

Agreed that where two members of a family both wished to be full members, but only receiving one set of publications, the second member need only pay a nominal R1 p.a. Agreed that Messrs G & C Lar-muth fall into this category.

MNASSA ex-
change

Agreed to drop despatch of Notes to Astronomical Society of Victoria Australia.

Summary
Volume

Dr Wild reported that the typing of the main work was complete. To date R500-R600 had been spent, and another R150 should suffice for the whole volume of approximately 1000 pages. Payment was agreed.

Library

The question of disposal of accumulated papers and books etc. in the cupboards of the Lecture Room was discussed. It was suggested that a team of members should devote a specified period to tidy up.

The whole question of the Library itself required some thought. Little use was being made of it and it was suggested that possibly it could be of more use to members through Centres. Dr Wild and

and Mr Turk were asked to consider the matter and report back on a possible distribution of books to

- (a) Centres
- (b) Individuals
- (c) Others

It was noted that the post of Society Librarian was still vacant.

Editorial Board Existing members were re-appointed.

New Constitution The remainder of the evening to 22h10 was devoted to considering further clauses from the point left off at the last meeting; when the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting fixed for 1977 November 14.

T W Russo
N. SECRETARY

Brian Wames.

CHAIRMAN