

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council meeting held 1978 April 10 at 20h00 at the S A Astronomical Observatory Cape Town.

Present Prof Warner in the chair. Dr Wild, Messrs Duveen, Hurly G Larmuth, C Larmuth, Molyneux, Orpen, Turk, Roberts and Russo.

Apologies noted from Dr Feast, Mr Rijsdyk and Mr Simenhoff.

Minutes of meeting held 1978 March 20, which had been circulated, were accepted and signed after two amendments:- (a) the inclusion of Mr Duveen among apologies for absence and (b) under Finance item (5) Mr Orpen or the Secretary be given permission to sign any forms necessary to raise the loan

As the main business of the meeting was to consider the draft revised Constitution, other business was kept to a minimum and dealt with first.

Finance No appreciable change in the situation since the last meeting was reported.

Subscriptions Support for the proposal to increase subscriptions had been received from four Centres.

Auditor With the death of Mr. Raphaely, there was only one auditor to handle the year end audit. Agreed to leave the situation as such until the A.G.M. in July when auditors would be appointed in the normal course.

New Member The following was elected subject to the usual proviso of publication of his name in MNASSA and no objection being received:- Mr M.L.E. de Graeve of P O Box 50127 WIERDAPARK 0149

List of Members This had been prepared from addressograph plates of members and a copy handed to Prof Warner by the Hon. Secretary.

Dr A D Thackeray A Bibliography had been prepared by Dr Feast, and Council was asked to consider its publication in MNASSA. There was wholehearted agreement and the Hon. Secretary was directed to inform Dr Feast that it should be submitted in the normal way as a contribution. It would possibly occupy 10 pages, perhaps less should a smaller type be used.

Gill Medal It was noted that no nominations had been received.

McIntyre Award A suggestion for an award had been received. No discussion on this item ensued in view of the limited time available.

A.G.M. Prof Warner stated that the 4th Wednesday in July would be a suitable date for the Society's A.G.M. as far as he was concerned as President.

Editor of MNASSA The mention of the appointment of a replacement for Dr Thackeray was left over to the next meeting. In the meantime some feelers would be put out among professional astronomers. Mr Churms was presently carrying on with the additional work.

Revised Constitution Consideration of this important matter was completed. Agreed that a re-typed copy of the draft be circulated to all absent members of Council for comment before any further steps be taken to implement the changes.

The meeting adjourned at 21h55 until 1978 June 10¹² at the same venue.

T W Russo
HON. SECRETARY

Brian Warner.
CHAIRMAN