

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1978 June 12 at 20h00 at the S A A O Cape Town.

Present Prof. Warner (in the chair) Dr Cousins, Dr Wild, Messrs Bentley, Devine, Hurly, G. Larmuth, C. Larmuth, Molyneux, Orpen, Rijsdyk, Russo, Simenhoff and Turk.

Apologies for absence Dr M. Feast, Messrs. Bondiotti and Simenhoff. *G. ROBERTS* *ALL*

Minutes of previous meeting on 1978 April 10, which had been circulated, were taken as read and adopted.

- Matters arising
- (a) McIntyre Award. Mr J. Bennett, through the Pretoria Centre, had suggested that the Council should consider an award to Messrs Patrick Moore and Pete Collins for their book "Astronomy of Southern Africa". Prof. Warner mentioned that a publication by J.D. Fernie entitled "The Whisper and the Vision" was also worthy of consideration. Agreed that as a first step Dr. R. Stoy, formerly of the Cape Observatory and Dr W. Ahlers of the University of the Witwatersrand should be asked to act as referees and to judge these works in the light of the conditions laid down for the McIntyre award.
 - (b) Editorial Board. Dr Cousins intimated that Mr Churms had informed him that there was a possibility of Dr Lloyd Evans of the SAAO, agreeing to fill the existing vacancy. Prof. Warner mentioned another possible appointment, viz Mr David Block of the UCT. Agreed that Dr Lloyd Evans should be the first choice.
 - (c) Revised Constitution. Mr Turk reported that a "fair" copy of the proposed constitution was not yet ready for distribution to all members of Council.

Finance The following financial statement was received and adopted:-

<u>Expenditure</u>	R. c.	<u>Receipts</u>	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope July 1977 to April '78	3091-84	Credit Balance at 1.7.77.	68-88
Cost of production of MNASSA, May 1977 to April 1978	1542-31	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Expenditure of reproduction of Back numbers of MNASSA	0-65	Arrears	98-50
Advance towards cost of production of Summary Volume of back numbers of MNASSA	150-00	Current	5170-00
Cost of reprints of articles in MNASSA	120-63	Advance	<u>199-50</u>
Part cost of Handbook, 1978	708-53	Entrance Fees	117-50
Addressing and despatch of publications, July 1977 to May 1978	159-61	Sale of MNASSA	1114-80
		Sale of reproduced Back numbers of MNASSA	248-69
		Page charges for articles in MNASSA and sales of reprints	150-50
		Sale of Handbooks	477-70
		Sale of back and extra nos of "Sky & Telescope"	<u>150-32</u>

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Brought Fwd/	5773-57	Brought Fwd/	7796-39
Postage on publications, July 1977 to May 1978	510-83	Donations	8-00
Stationery & Equipment	167-14	Advertisement in MNASSA	2-00
15% Customs surcharges, July 1977 to May 1978	286-20	Interest on Fixed Deposit	100-00
Postage, other than above	50-30	Interest on Building Soc. Shares (Forbes Bequest)	19-00
Insurance of Society's Telescopes	24-00	Refund of pro-rata shares of Telescope Insurance	6-03
Fire Insurance Premium	20-00	"Plusplan" A/c Interest	163-81
Essay Competition Prizes	45-00	Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/c., Feb. to May 1978	1400-00
In memory of A.D. Thackeray	10-00	Commission on cheques, airmail postage paid and exchange gains	120-15
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c July 1977	1700-00		
Bank charges and exchange losses	121-36		
Credit Balance at 12.6.78.	906-98		
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The amount in the Society's "Plusplan" A/c. at date is R1100-00, and R1000-00 is still on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R1178-35, Bond Interest of R36-29 having been added during March 1978. Of this R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit

Sgd. Garrett Orpen
HON. TREASURER

Agreed that the R500 donation received to offset the cost of the handbooks be refunded to the donor. The total cost of the handbooks is therefore R1208-53 in place of the part cost of R708-53 given in the statement.

Agreed that reminders to suspended members should be posted by certified mail.

Overpayment of 15% surcharge on importation of "Sky & Telescope", due to assessment on landed value instead of domestic (USA) value over some months was still to be claimed. Mr Orpen and Mr Devine to deal with the matter.

The implication of the proposed general 4% sales tax to be considered when the provisions of the Bill before Parliament were known.

Forbes Essay Competition The Secretary reported that 11 essays from 6 schools had been received. Dr Wild hoped to arrange for Mr P. Spargo and Mr K. Roshford to act as adjudicators.

New members

The following were elected as full members of the Society subject to the usual proviso of publication of names in MNASSA and no objections being received.

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New Council

The following nominations for the new Council 1978/79 have been received.

President

Mr R.F. Hurly

Vice Presidents

Prof. B. Warner
Dr M.W. Feast
Mr M.A. Gray

Members

Mr J. Vincent
Mr G. Muller
Dr E. Baart
Mr J. Hers

Secretary

Mr T.W. Russo

Treasurer

Mr G. Orpen

If no further nominations were received by June 15, these will be deemed to be elected

Report of Council for year ending 1978 June 30. A draft report prepared by the Secretary was considered by Council, and with minor amendments and additions adopted.

Miscellaneous

(a) A communication had been received from the Astronomical Society of Western Australia, in which a request was made for the resumption of the one time exchange of journals between the two Societies. It was decided to consider the whole question of the exchange of publications between ASSA and other Societies and Institutions at the next Council Meeting.

(b) Any nominations for Honorary Members to be considered at the next meeting.

(c) A communication from Mr J. Hers thanking Council for endeavouring to get CSIR financial support for visiting New Zealand to attend the Variable Star colloquium was read.

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- (d) Prof. Warner spoke in complimentary terms about the Convention organized by the Natal Centre in Mooi River. A full report of the proceedings had been received by Council; it was clear that it had been an enjoyable, informative and exciting experience for those privileged to attend. The Hon. Secretary was directed to address a letter of congratulation to that Centre.
 - (e) The recruiting of Junior Members for the ASSA was considered by the Pretoria Centre, and a communication on this subject addressed to Council. A suggested approach to the problem was to reach students through the medium of a scientific journal such as "Archimedes". The Centre had approached the publishers who were agreed in principle to publish articles on the activities of the Society. The Hon. Secretary was directed to follow this up by writing direct to the publishers to ascertain some details of what would be acceptable.

The meeting closed at 22h00.

T.W. Russo
HON. SECRETARY


B. Warner
CHAIRMAN