

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1978 November 13 at 20h00 at the S A Astronomical Observatory, Cape Town.

Present: Mr R Hurly (in the chair) Drs A Cousins, A Fairall and M Feast, Miss P Booth Messrs J Bentley, J Bondiotti, V Devine, C Larmuth, G Larmuth, H Molyneux, T Russo, J Simenhoff and C Turk. Mr Hurly welcomed Miss Booth on her first appearance as alternate for Mr Wolterbeek.

Apologies for absence noted from Prof B Warner, Dr H Campbell, Messrs Armstrong and G Roberts.

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Copies of which had been circulated, were agreed and signed after the inclusion of Mr Devine's name among "apologies for absence".

Matters arising

- (a) McIntyre Award. Dr Ahlers, one of the two referees appointed had not yet reported. Prof. Warner in a letter to the Society intimated that in his view neither book deserves recognition for the award. In neither case had there been any original work done. The matter was left over for the next meeting. Dr Feast agreed to consult Prof. Warner and put forward their recommendations then.
- (b) It was reported that Mr D Block had agreed to fill the vacancy on the Editorial Board. Dr T Lloyd Evans, who had been approached in this regard, had declined to serve on the Board.
- (c) Revised Constitution Mr Turk had tabulated the agreed amendments to the draft constitution. All Council members and alternates would receive a copy of the amendments as well as the draft constitution where this had not already been sent.
- (d) Exchange of Periodicals A letter from the Astronomical Society of Western Australia, asking for consideration of re-instituting exchange of journals was debated. It was felt that the topics appearing in the journals would be of more value to Centres, and it was recommended that the Natal Centre should be approached in the first instance to consider taking on the exchange, observing that the Centre published a well-worthwhile magazine of special appeal to amateurs. MNASSA and the Australian Journal could not be regarded as on a par.

Finance The following statement was presented by the Hon. Treasurer Mr Orpen:-

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	
	R. c.		R. c.
Subscriptions to "Sky & Telescope" Jul.-Oct.1978	1391-96	Credit Balance at 1.7.78.	80-13
Cost of production of MNASSA May-Aug. 1978	662-85	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Expenditure on reproduction of back nos. of MNASSA	4-95	Arrears	32-00
Cost of reprints of articles in MNASSA	65-37	Current	5495-75
Addressing and despatch of publications Jul.-Oct.1978	85-65	Advance	<u>47-98</u>
Postage on publications Jul.-Oct.1978	199-75	Entrance Fees	45-00
Stationery and equipment	242-48	Sale of MNASSA	73-74
Postage, other than above	16-60	Page charges and sale of reprints of articles in MNASSA	95-00
12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Customs surcharge on June & July "Sky & Telescope"	74-46	Sale of reproduced Back Nos. of MNASSA	80-90
Essay Competition Prizes	40-00	Sale of Handbooks	155-20
Variable Star Charts	10-00	Sale of back and extra nos. of "Sky & Telescope"	27-00
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c, Jul.-Sept. 1978	3700-00	Donations	7-50
Bank charges	39-55	Advertisements in MNASSA	60-00
Credit balance at 13.11.78.	338-82	Interest on Fixed Deposit	50-00
		Interest on Building Society Shares (Forbes Bequest)	9-50
		Withdrawn from "Plusplan A/c Oct. 1978	600-00
		Commission on cheques, air-mail postage paid on exchange gains	12-74
	<u>R6872-44</u>		<u>R 6872-44</u>

R1000-00 is still on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society. The balance in the "Plusplan" A/c. is now R3600-00

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account remains at R1256-81, of which R1000-00 is on fixed deposit.

It should be noted that the costs of production of MNASSA shown above includes the cost of reprinting the copies of Vol. XXXVII, nos 5 and 6 which were stolen, the amount being R122-51.

Mr Orpen mentioned the current increase in the cost of Sky & Telescope with another one to follow next January. While it was too early in the year to assess accurately the anticipated financial situation at the end of the 1978/79 year, the position would have to be watched. There was a degree of uncertainty about the issue of the magazines to members and the sale of Handbooks outside the Society being subject to General Sales Tax. Mr Turk agreed to make enquiries. Agreed that Dr Lloyd Evans a new member should only pay a subscription of R7 for the current year, and not receive Sky & Telescope. He had a prepaid direct order with the Sky & Telescope Corporation with a year to run. To be reviewed end of June 1979.

Forbes Essay Competition. In view of the poor response to the 1978 competition, it was decided not to hold one during 1979, and review the situation again later.

New Members

The following were elected subject to their names being published in MNASSA and no objections being received.

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Trust Fund

Agreed that a memo re this fund be included in the next Society accounts to be sent out.

Periodicals & Journals

received by the Society, and stored in the basement of the 18" dome (SAAO) and of no practical value to the Society to be taken by Prof. Warner for the UCT library. Copies are available for members if need be in the SAAO library. This matter was raised by Prof Warner in a letter to the Hon. Secretary.

The next meeting was set for 1979 February 5. The meeting closed at 21h30.

Brian Warner.

T W Russo
HON. SECRETARY

HON. CHAIRMAN