

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1979 April 23 at the S A Astronomical Observatory Cape Town at 20hoo.

Present- Mr Hurly (in the chair). Drs. Cousins and Feast Messrs Bentley, Duvine, C Larmuth, G Larmuth, Molyneux, Russo and Miss P Booth. *and C. J. Armstrong*

Apologies for absence noted from Dr Fairall, Prof. Warner, Messrs Orpen and Simenhoff.

Minutes of previous meeting held 1979 February 5 adopted after insertion of Miss P Booth's name among those present.

Matters arising

(a) McIntyre Award - Dr Feast reported that the sub-committee recommended that Council should be empowered to draw on the interest on the capital to assist authors in preparing a work prior to possible publication. This would ease the financial strain incurred before a final publication, which at present must be considered before an award could be made. Secondly accumulated interest should at Council's discretion be capitalized, or diverted to some other specific purpose

(b) Revised Constitution The draft previously considered was now accepted as final with one minor amendment - A ballot form would have to be sent to each member, for him to signify his agreement or not. A copy of the draft constitution would also have to be circulated to all members. Agreed that this should be done through the Centre pages of MNASSA, if the cost is less than a separate printing. Mr Larmuth to prepare the ballot paper, and Mr Churms as Editor of MNASSA to be consulted as to the most advantageous method of contacting members on this matter.

(c) G.S.T. on sale of Handbooks. It was reported that tax was not payable where sales in any one year totalled less than R5000.

(d) Dr Feast reported that ^{Mr} Bloch had agreed to assist Mr Churms with the editorship of MNASSA. It was still desirable to obtain the services of a third person. A circular letter sent out by Dr Fairall asking for volunteers had no response.

(e) Bloemfontein Centre's suggestion to discontinue the automatic issue of "Sky & Telescope" to members.

In this connection the chairman read two letters received deprecating the proposal in strong terms. These communications were from the Salisbury Centre, written by Mr Stedman and Mr Armstrong. Pretoria Centre was also against the proposal. On a vote taken Council, with one abstention, rejected it.

New Members

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

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Finance In the absence of Mr Orpen, out of town on holiday, the attached statement was read by Mr Hurly.

Further Business A letter from Mr Jack Bennett regarding the British Meteor Society was read. It was noted that he had joined the Society and already was a subscriber to "Meteor News". Council decided not to consider the exchange of publications with that Society.

Prof Warner had received a letter of enquiry from the Royal Astronomical Society regarding a 3.1/4 inch refractor telescope, appearing on their list of instruments, as on loan to the Society. The position was that the instrument was formerly on loan to the late Senator Roberts, and about 1947 it was donated to the Society. The R A S to be reminded of this.

Mr Turk stated that the balance standing to the credit of the Society's Endowment Trust account as at 31st December 1978 was R335.10. Further amounts had been received since this date and the R30 interest free loan, received for the initial expenses incurred for establishing the Trust would be repaid.

The next meeting was set for June 18. A provisional date for the Annual General Meeting was fixed for July 25.

The meeting was declared closed at 21h30.


HON. CHAIRMAN

HON. SECRETARY

Statement of Financial Position at 31st March 1979 for presentation to the Council Meeting to be held during April 1979

<u>Expenditure</u>	R. c.	<u>Receipts</u>	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for period July '78 to Feb. 1979	2902.16	Credit balance at 1.7.78.	80.13
Cost of production of MNASSA May - Dec. 1978	1273.41	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Expenditure on re-production of back numbers of MNASSA	10.28	Arrears	34.00
Cost of reprints of articles in MNASSA	98.85	Current	6305.25
Cost of production of Handbook for 1979	714.48	Advance	<u>93.48</u>
Addressing and despatch of publications, Jul. 1978 to March 1979	172.23		6432.73
Postage on publications, Jul. 1978 to March 1979	433.59	Entrance Fees	117.50
Stationery & equipment	409.12	Sale of MNASSA	639.90
Postage, other than above	32.47	Sale of reproduced back numbers of MNASSA	110.90
12½% Customs surcharges on import of "Sky & Telescope" to Feb. 1979	224.11	Page charges and sale of reprints of articles in MNASSA	182.50
Essay Competition prizes	40.00	Sale of Handbooks	320.20
MNASSA "Centrepiece" competition prizes	12.00	Sale of back nos. and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	36.10
Variable Star charts	10	Donations	8.00
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c. Jul. & Aug. 1978	3700.00	Advertisements in MNASSA	60.00
Bank charges	78.22	Interest on Fixed Deposit	100.00
Credit balance at 31.3.79.	460.99	Interest on Building Socy. shares (Forbes Bequest)	9.50
		Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/c. Oct. 78 - Feb. 79	2400.00
		Commission on cheques, airmail postage paid and exchange gains	74.41
	<u>R10571.91</u>		<u>R10571.91</u>

R1000 is still on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society. The balance in the "Plusplan" Account is now R1800.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R1428.61, R36.30 Bond Interest having been added during March. Of this amount R1000.00 is on Fixed Deposit.

(Sgd.) Garrett, Orpen
HON. SECRETARY