

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1979 June 18 at 20hoo at the S A Astronomical Observatory, Cape Town.

Present Mr Hurly (in the chair), Prof B. Warner, Drs Cousins, Feast and Fairall, Messrs J. Bondiotti, V. Duveen, G. Larmuth, C. Larmuth, H. Molyneux, G. Orpen, T. Russo and J. Simenhoff, Miss P. Booth.

Apologies for absence noted from Mr C.J. Armstrong, Mr Bentley, Mr C. Turk.

Minutes of meeting held 1979 April 23, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and adopted after the insertion of the name of Mr Armstrong among apologies for non attendance. This had been inadvertently omitted from the draft copy. Also Dr Bloch should read Mr Bloch.

Matters arising NIL

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

<u>Expenditure</u>	R. c.	<u>Receipts</u>	R. c.
Subscriptions to "Sky & Telescope" for period Jul.78 - Apr. 79.	3633.13	Credit Balance at 1.7.78.	80.13
Cost of production of MNASSA, May 78-Feb,79	1552.66	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Expenditure on reproduction of Back Nos. of MNASSA	10.48	Arrears	34.50
Cost of reprints of articles in MNASSA	98.85	Current	6419.25
Cost of reproduction of Handbook for 1979	714.48	Advance	220.98
Addressing & despatch of publications Jul.78-May 79	204.43		<u>6674.73</u>
Postage on publications Jul 78-May 79	520.05	Entrance Fees	147.50
Stationery & Equipment	409.12	MNASSA (Sale of)	907.95
Postage, other than above	43.50	Sale of reproduced Back numbers of MNASSA	110.90
Customs surcharge on import of "Sky & Telescope" June 78 - Apr 79	275.96	Page charges and sale of reprints of articles in MNASSA	182.50
Essay Competition Prizes	40.00	Sale of Handbooks	441.00
MNASSA "Centrepiece" Competition Prizes	12.00	Sale of back numbers and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	36.60
Variable Star Charts	10.00	Donations	8.00
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c July & Aug. 1978	3700.00	Advertisements in MNASSA	75.00
Fire Insurance Premium	20.20	Interest on Fixed Deposit	100.00
Bank Charges	92.05	Interest on Building Socy shares (Forbes Bequest)	18.17
Credit Balance at 18.6.79.	551.90	Withdrawn from "Plusplan A/c. Oct.78.- Mar.79	3000.00
		Commission on cheques, air-mail postage paid and exchange gains	106.33
	<u>R11888.81</u>		<u>R 11888.81</u>

R1000.00 is still on fixed deposit with the United Building Society. The balance, in the "Plusolan" A/c., is now R1370.36, including interest added during March.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R1474.98, R36.29 Bond interest having been added during June.

(Sgd.) Garrett Orpen
HON. TREASURER

Mr Duveen thanked Mr Orpen for the lucid manner in which the state of the Society's finances was presented and for the efficient manner in which the duties of Treasurer was being carried out. This was heartily endorsed by the meeting.

Reference the McIntyre Award account, it was agreed that the fixed deposit of R450, now falling due, should be renewed for a further five years.

New Members The following were elected subject to the usual proviso of the publication of the names in MNASSA and no objections being received.

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Loerie Close
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Mr D Latham
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Valhalla
PRETORIA 0185

Miss L Stone
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Report of Council The draft prepared by the Hon. Secretary was considered. A final amended form was approved for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

New Council 1979/80 Only sufficient nominations to fill the offices were received, and these were deemed elected. They were:-

President	Dr M Feast
Vice Presidents	Dr E E Baart Mr M A Gray Mr R Hurly
Members	Mr J Hers Prof B Warner Mr G Muller Mr I Vincent
Hon. Secretary	Mr T W Russo
Hon. Treasurer	Mr G Orpen

ASSA Endowment Trust

Mr Turk had forwarded to the Hon. Secretary the balance sheet as at 1978 December 31. This will appear as an addendum to Council's Annual Report to the A.G.M. It was noted that since December 31, the sum of R30, loaned from Society's Funds, had been repaid.

Society
Library

Mr Molyneux and Miss Booth spoke on the question of locks for the cupboards housing the books. The Cape Centre was willing to take on the responsibility of issuing books at Centre meeting but the members who were to officiate as librarians at the meetings were loath to do so unless there were adequate provisions to safeguard the books.

Dr Feast said he would see what could be done to arrange for the installation of locks.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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HON. SECRETARY

HON. CHAIRMAN