

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1979 September 24 at 20h00 at the S.A. Astronomical Observatory, Cape Town.

- 1) Present Mr Hurly in the chair, Miss P Booth, Messrs Bondiotti, Burke Duvine, Orpen and Russo.
- 2) Apologies for absence noted from Drs Fairall, Feast, Messrs. Armstrong, Bentley, C. Larmuth, G. Larmuth and Simenhoff.
- 3) Alternates where unchanged were confirmed, new alternates to be agreed with the principals concerned:-

For Prof E.E. Baart
Mr M A Gray
P O Box 2704
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Dr A, Fairall
Dr L.H. Holroyd
45 Hamilton Road
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Mr J Hers
Mr G Muller
Natal Centre
(Mr J daS Campos)
Natal Midlands
Mr C. Lake
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HOWICK 3290

Mr C. Larmuth
Mr G. Larmuth
Mr J. Bondiotti

Mr V. Duveen

OFS Centre

Mr C. Turk

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Mr J. Simenhoff

- 1) Present Mr W. (Mrs A. Williams) Miss P. Booth, Messrs Bondiotti, Burke Duvine, Orpen and Russo.

Pretoria Centre

Miss P. Booth

- 2) Apologies for (Mr J. Wolterbeek) Drs Fairall, Feast, Messrs. Armstrong, Bentley, C. Larmuth, G. Larmuth and Simenhoff.

Salisbury

Dr A. Cousins

- 3) Alternates (Mr C.J. Armstrong) where unchanged were confirmed, new alternates to be agreed with the principals concerned.

NOTE: It was decided to arrange for another alternate for Mr J. Vincent member of Council, Mr Rysdyk has not attended any Council meetings for some time nor appears to have communicated with Council on the question of continued representation of his principal.

- 4) Custody of Library Books It was reported that locks for the cupboards had not yet been provided. The Hon. Secretary to make enquiries of the appropriate authority at the SAAO.

- 5) Binding of Books Agreed that steps should be taken to see that B.A.A. journals, MNASSA and Sky & Telescope held by the Society should be bound. Miss Booth to investigate.

- 6) Periodicals received Miss Booth agreed to examine all books being accumulated and to decide upon their disposal. To consult with the Hon. Secretary as necessary.

MNASSA On representations made by the Editor Mr J Churms, agreed that advertising rates in MNASSA should be raised from 2 to 5c per word where applicable.

Financial Statement

The following statement was presented by the Hon. Treasurer and adopted.

<u>Expenditure</u>	R. C.	<u>Receipts</u>	R. C.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for July & Aug. 1979	824-36	Credit Balance at 1.7.79.	103-76
Addressing & despatch of publications, July & Aug. 1979	34-40	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on publications, July & Aug. 1979	84-79	Arrears	3-00
Postage, other than above	4-45	Current	4191-00
Import surcharge on "Sky & Telescope"	25-75	Advance	<u>16-00</u>
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c., July & Aug. 1979	2900-00	Entrance Fees	30-00
<u>Credit Balance at 24.9.79</u>	<u>864-74</u>	Sale of MNASSA	149-40
Bank charges	47-02	Sale of Handbooks	128-00
		Sale of back nos. & extra copies of "SKY & TELESCOPE"	Q-30
		Advertisement in MNASSA	0-33
		Interest on Fixed Deposit	50-00
		Withdrawn from Plusplan A/c July 1979	100-00
		Commission on cheques & Airmail postage paid	13-72
	<u>R4785-51</u>		<u>R4785-51</u>

An amount of R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society at an interest rate of 10%. The amount in the "Plusplan" Savings Account is R3500 at date, but varies according to requirements. The interest rate is now 6%.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R1560-88, fixed deposit interest of R50-00 and mortgage interest of R35-90 having been added since 1st July 1979. Of this R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society at interest rates of 8% for R450 and 10% for R550.

(Sgd) Garrett Orpen
HON. TREASURER

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

Mr H.L. Aucamp
48 Kerk Street
STRAND 7140

Mr B.J. Cassidy
4 Spoon Street
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Mr Fritz Brüns
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Mr D.J. Hattingh
240 Clark Street
Brooklyn
PRETORIA 0181

New
Members
Contd.

(Miss) Dr Hodges
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New
Constitution

The Hon. Treasurer reported the return of 133 ballot papers In favour of the new Constitution were 131 and 2 against.

New
Members
Contd.

This was declared adopted effective from the date of the Council meeting viz 1979 September 24. Agreed to order 500 copies and arrange for custody of plates. The question of the provision of revised nomination forms to be settled.

Further
Business

Mr Duvine reported that Mr C.L. Clarke now represented the Natal Midlands Centre. Members were asked to consider an F Competition for 1980 for discussion at the next meeting to be held 1979 November 26 at the usual venue.

The meeting closed at 20h50.

CHAIRMAN

HON. SECRETARY