

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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

EXPENDITURE		RECEIPTS	
	R. c.		R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" July to Oct. 1979	1654-63	Credit Balance at 1/7/79	103-76
Addressing & despatch of Publications, July to October 1979	69-92	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on publications, July to October 1979	172-46	Arrears	33-00
Stationery (Minute Book)	20.35	Current	5887-50
Postage, other than above	18-26	Advance	<u>32-00</u>
Variable Star Charts	21-06	Entrance fees	52-50
Import surcharge on "Sky & Telescope, July-October 1979	78-09	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	269-40
Transferred to Plusplan A/C., July & August 1979	2900-00	Sale of Handbooks	135-50
Bank charges	55-47	Sale of back nos. and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	10-90
<u>Credit Balance at 19/11/1979</u>	<u>1717-65</u>	Advertisement in M.N.A.S.S.A.	0-33
		Interest on Fixed Deposit	50-00
		Interest on Building Society Shares (Forbes Bequest)	8-20
		Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/c. July 1979	100-00
		Commission on cheques and a.	
		Airmail Postage paid	24-75

EXPENDITURE		RECEIPTS	
	R6707-89		R6707.89
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		Credit Balance at 1/7/79	103-76

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" A/c. is R3500-00 at date, but varies according to requirements. The interest rate is now 6%.

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account remains at R1560-88, of which R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.

As no account has as yet been received for the production of M.N.A.S.S.A. Nos. 5 and 6, it is not practicable to make an estimate for the rest of the year; but it would appear that it will be possible to maintain the present subscription rate for at least another year.

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New

Members:

The following new members were elected subject to the publication of names in M.N.A.S.S.A. and no objections being received:

Mr M R Champion
13 Edinburgh Rd
FAMONA
BULAWAYO

Mr H L Naylor
103 Silverton Rd
BEREA
DURBAN 4001

Christian Bros College
Mount Edmund
PRETORIA 0002

Mr J H Spencer Jones
C/O S.A.A.O.
CAPE TOWN 8001

Mr T J Goss
P O Box 151
MATATIELE 4730

Mr P J van der Manel
38 Jeffcoat Ave
BERGVLIET 7800

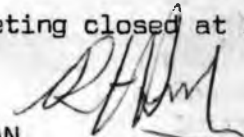
Mr C S Lake
33 Plane Crescent
HOWICK 3290

Mr A S Webster
4 Milton Ave
SENDERWOOD 2008

Any Further
Business:

- (a) Miss Booth raised the question of the Constitution of the Cape Centre, which had been forwarded to the Hon. Secretary for Councils approval. On Mr Turk's recommendation this was accepted. It was agreed that all Centre constitutions submitted to Council should be vetted by Mr Turk.
- (b) Mr Turk reported on the financial position of the Trust Fund. This was now producing an income, which could be used for Society purposes. As a start the shortfall on the Essay Competition prizes, provided by the McIntyre Fund, could be met in this way.
- (c) The Hon. Secretary read a letter received from Mr G Larmuth, intimating that he wished to terminate his mailing of M.N.A.S.S.A to subscribers, with the end of volume 38 and the 1980 Handbook. He had undertaken this task for five years & considered that the time was ripe for someone else to take over. Dr Feast expressed Councils appreciation of what had been done over such a long period of time, and called for suggestions for a successor. This was not fruitful, and members were asked to consider the matter seriously and endeavour to be in a position to appoint someone by the next meeting.
- (d) Mr Burke stated that he would be transferring to Johannesburg after the end of November, and would no longer be in a position to act as an alternate for Mr Vincent of Salisbury.
- (e) Mr Churms had asked that the Advertising Rates in M.N.A.S.S.A. should be increased as follows:
- Full Page, per insertion R20.00
Half Page, per insertion R12.00
Quarter Page, per insertion R7.00
- This is additional to the increase, per word, authorized at the previous meeting.
- (f) The date of the next meeting was fixed for 11 February 1980.

The meeting closed at 21h20.


CHAIRMAN

T.W. RUSSO
HON. SECRETARY