

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1980 April 13 at 20h00 at the S A Astronomical Observatory Cape Town.

PRESENT Dr Feast (in the chair) Prof Warner, Drs Cousins, Dean and Fairall and Holroyd. Messrs Bentley, Duveen, Hurly, C Larmuth, G Larmuth, Orpen, Russo, Spencer Jones, Miss P Booth.

APPOLOGIES for absence received from Mr C Armstrong, Mr J Simenhoff and Mr C Turk.

MINUTES of meeting held 1980 April 21, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, adopted and signed.

MATTERS ARISING (a) Mr G Larmuth reported that arrangements had been made for the despatch of MNASSA to subscribers by the Afric Mail Advertising, who were handling publications for members. The question of additions, deletions and changes of address was discussed, and Mr Bentley would liase with the Hon Secretary in order to update addressograph plates held by the Afric Mail Advertising. The last number of MNASSA issued was for October 1979. It was reported by Dr Fairall that it was anticipated that Nos 11, 12 of 1979 would shortly go to press and be followed by Nos 1 - 4. Dr Feast undertook to discuss with Mr Ch... the current situation and means to avoid a recurrence of such a backlog. It was mentioned that Mr D Bloch a co-editor was engaged on his thesis and possibly was not able to assist as heretofore.

(b) Dr Feast welcomed Mr J H Spencer Jones of the staff of the ... on his first appearance as alternate for Mr J Vincent of 15 Glanmore Rd., P.O. Chisipite Salisbury.

FINANCE Mr Orpen presented the following financial statement:-

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 21/4/1980

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
	R. C.		R. C.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" July 1979 to Feb. 1980	3299.13	Credit Balance at 1/7/1979	103.76
Production of MNASSA May to October 1979	797.32	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Addressing and despatch of Publications, July 1979-Feb.1980	112.83	Arrears	35.00
Expenditure on MNASSA Back Nos.	77.20	Current	6503.10
Production of Handbook for 1980	1012.96	Advance	<u>65.26</u>
Printing of amended Constitution of the Society	145.50		6603.36
Postage on Publications July 1979 to Feb. 1980	384.80	Entrance Fees	92.50
Postage on MNASSA Back Nos.	14.25	Sale of MNASSA	787.59
Stationery (Minute Book)	20.35	Sale of MNASSA Back Numbers	27.00
Postage, other than above	38.74	Sale of Handbooks	610.30
Variable star Charts	21.06	Sale of back nos. and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	13.60
Import surcharge on "Sky & Telescope" Jul.1979 to Feb. 1980	182.42	Advertisements in MNASSA	2.07
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/C July & August 1979	2900.00	Interest on Fixed Deposit	100.10
Bank charges	117.67	Interest on Building Society Shares (Forbes Bequest)	16.25
Credit Balance at 21/4/1980	1202.49	Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/C July & Dec.1979 & Feb. & Mar.1980	2050.00
		Commission on Cheques and airmail postage paid	69.25
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An amount of R1000 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society at an interest rate of 10%. The amount in the "Plusplan" A/C is R1550 at date; but varies according to requirements. The interest rate is now 6%.

The balance in the McIntyre Award A/c is now R1697.37, of which R1000.00 is on Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank interest of R18.96 and Mortgage interest of R36.20 having been added since February.

HON. TREASURER.

ESTIMATE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

EXPENDITURE		RECEIPTS	
"Sky & Telescope" 4 months	1650	Available in Current A/C	1202
MNASSA, 6 months?	1000 ?	Available in Plusplan A/C	1350
Reprints & Back Numbers	100	Available on Fixed Deposit, or from McIntyre Award A/C	900
Despatch of publications	100		3452
Postage on publications	300	Entrance Fees & Subscriptions	100
Stationery & postage	100	Subscriptions in advance	50
Sundries	100	Sale of MNASSA	100
		Sale of Handbooks	50
		Owing by JHB Planetarium	216
	<u>R3350</u>		<u>R3350</u>
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It was re-iterated that the effect of increased postage rates from 1980 April, over a full year would be considerable and taking rising costs all round into account it was decided that as from 1980 July, the subscription to full members would be increased to R17.50 p.a. This was proposed by Mr Hurly and seconded by Dr Fairall.

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