

Minutes of Council meeting held 1980 June 16 20h00 at the S A Astronomical Observatory Cape Town.

Present Mr Hurly (in the chair), Drs Fairall and Holroyd Messrs Bently Duvenc G Larmuth C Larmuth Spencer Jones Simenhoff & Russo & Miss P Booth.

Apologies for absence noted from Dr Feast Dr Cousins Prof Warner Messrs Turk & Orpen.

Minutes of previous meeting held 1980 April 13, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and adopted.

Matters arising - nil

FINANCE The Hon. Treasurer could not attend owing to being indisposed. The following statement had been prepared and was handed in to the meeting by Mr Bently and adopted:-

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NEW MEMBERS: The following were elected, subject to the usual proviso that names be published in MNASSA and no objections be received:-

MR A ADLER 11 MAZOE ROAD EMMARENTIA 2195

MR E J PININSKI P O BOX 48114 ROOSEVELD PARK 2129

MR E M PUCHADES 194 EIGHT AVENUE BEZUIDENHOUT VALLEY 2094

MR R J THOMSON 27 MARICO ROAD EMMARENTIA 2195

Report of Council for year ending 1980 June 30

A draft report for presentation to the Annual General Meeting, prepared by the Hon. Secretary was considered and agreed.

Essay Competition The Hon. Secretary reported that only 7 entries had been received. These were handed over to Dr Fairall to arrange for adjudicators.

New Council 1980/81 Only sufficient nominations to fill positions on the new Council had been received so a ballot was not necessary. The following office-bearers were proposed by Dr Fairall & seconded by Mr J Simenhoff:-

President Mr M A Gray

Vice-Presidents Dr M Feast

Prof Baart

Mr J Vincent

Members Mr J Hers

Prof B Warner

Mr R Hurly

Mr J Bennett

Hon. Treasurer Mr G Orpen

Hon. Secretary Mr T W Russo

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 16/6/1980

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
	R c		R c
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" July 1979 to April 1980	4107.75	Credit Balance at 1/7/1979	103.00
Production of MNASSA FOR period May 1979 to December 1979	1029.18	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Reprints of articles in MNASSA	112.83	Arrears	57.50
Expenditure on MNASSA Back Numbers	86.80	Current	6555.60
Production of Handbook for 1980	1012.96	Advance	<u>80.26</u>
Printing of amended Constitution of the Society	145.50	Entrance Fees	105.00
Addressing and despatch of publi- cations, July 1979 to May 1980	192.19	Sale of MNASSA	973.59
Postage on publications 1979 July to May 1980	522.81	Sale of MNASSA Back Numbers	27.00
Postage on MNASSA Book Numbers	14.25	Sale of Handbooks	630.30
Stationery	30.35	Sale of back nos. and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	204.60
Postage, other than above	45.30	Advertisements in MNASSA	6.22
Variable Star Charts	21.06	Interest on Fixed Deposit	100.00
Import surcharge on "Sky & Tele- scope July 1979 to March 1980	217.40	Interest on Building Society Shares (Forbes Bequest)	16.25
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/C July and August 1979	2900.00	Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/C July and December 1979 and February and March 1980	2050.00
Bank Charges	128.95	Commission on cheques and Airmail Postage paid	73.50
Credit Balance at 16/6/1980	416.26		
	<u>R 10983.59</u>		<u>R 10983.59</u>

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 remains at R1697.37, of which R1000 is on Fixed Deposit.

HON. TREASURER.

ESTIMATE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
"Sky & Telescope" two months	810	Available in Current A/C	400
MNASSA, one volume for four months	500	" " Plusplan A/C	1350
Reprints and Back Numbers	100	Entrance Fees and new Subs	50
Despatch of publications	30	Subscriptions in Advance	50
Postage on publications	140	Sale of MNASSA	25
Stationery and postage	20	Sale of Handbooks etc	25
Salaries	50		
	<u>1650</u>		<u>1650</u>

Look all right up to the end of the year: There are also the Fixed Deposit
McIntyre Accounts, which may be borrowed from in an emergency

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The Hon. Secretary to see Dr Feast whether it was feasible for a copy of his coming Presidential Address to be made available to the Pretoria Centre for reading at their A.G.M.

The meeting thereupon closed at 8.45 p.m.

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