

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of the Council meeting held ¹⁹³⁸ 1908 February 9 at 20h00 at the S.A. Astronomical Observatory, Cape Town.

Present Dr. Feast in the Chair, Prof Warner, Drs Cousins, Fairall, & Holroyd, Miss P. Booth, Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, Messrs Hurly, Orpen, Spencer-Jones, G. Larmuth, C. Larmuth, Bentley, Bondiotti, Turk and Duveen.

Appointment of Secretary.

It was resolved that Mrs. M. Fitzgerald be appointed as Secretary of the Society. The Chairman welcomed her to the meeting and thanked her for taking on these duties. He also thanked Mr. Orpen for his assistance.

Membership and Alternates.

A letter from Bloemfontein advised that their Centre Representative was now Mr. G.N. Walker. It was agreed that Miss P. Booth would be the alternate for Mr. Walker.

Minutes. Having been previously circulated, these were accepted as read.

Matters arising. Dr. Feast advised that he had written to the SABC as suggested at last meeting and had had a reply to the effect that the SABC has purchased the rights of Dr. Carl Sagan's television series "COSMOS."

Finance. It was agreed to supply the bank with a new signatures mandate which will be: "Any one signature of Business Manager, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary presented a financial statement which forms an annexure to these minutes.

Prof Warner advised Council that Prof Wild had now completed the reproduction of the first 15 volumes of MNASSA, the final cost of which was as follows:

Typing R900-00, Printing R800-00, Binding R700-00 = Total R2400-00.

This had been partly paid for by a grant from UCT of R700-00, although this is normally regarded as if it were a loan and should be paid back when funds are available from the sale of the 90 copies bound. The price per copy will be R45-00. A sample copy was inspected by Council.

Dr. Fairall proposed and Mr. Hurly seconded a motion that Council and the Society convey congratulations to Prof. P.A.T. Wild on a first class achievement. Also that the accounts as shown above be accepted. This was unanimously accepted and the President, Mr. Andrew Gray, will be asked to send a suitable letter to Prof Wild.

New Members. Mr. Orpen read the names of 30 prospective members and their election was confirmed subject to the usual publication in MNASSA.

Total Membership. Mr. Orpen advised that we now have 440 member an a further 34 suspended for non-payment of subscriptions. 520 Sky & Telescopes are on order each month.

Sky & Telescope. There was a long discussion regarding the long delays of the "expedited delivery" system. A suggestion by the publishers that they send by sea freight in future met with general approval and Mr. Duveen was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for this.

Handbook. Mr. Hurly reported that the production costs of the current issue were only R50-00 up on the previous year and that for 1200 copies the unit cost is now 90 cents.

It was agreed that the selling price will be R1-50 per copy for single copies but for bulk orders such as the S.A. Museum the price will be R1-20. The only exception to this will be that Prof Jarrett will be able to purchase at R1-00 per copy as he does not re-sell them.

Back Copies of Sky & Telescope. Mr. Cassidy had requested 176 back copies and it was agreed that these could be sold for R25-00.

Other Business. The expected Gill Medal nomination from the Pretoria Council Member had not been received. Next meeting will be the latest that this can be accepted. Nominations for Honorary Membership were also to be discussed at next meeting and Alternates should obtain the instructions of their principals in this regard. In the absence of such instructions it will be assumed that Alternates can use their own discretion.

Mr. Orpen has re-written a prospectus of the Society for aspirant members and Prof. Warner agreed to reproduce sufficient copies of the prospectus.

Miss P. Booth reported the death of Miss P. Littlewort to Council.

The meeting closed at 22h15.

Address of new Secretary is: Mrs. M. Fitzgerald,
P.O. Box 113,
Camps Bay, 8040.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 1981.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	R. c.	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	R. c.
Subs to S & T Jul - Dec 80	2256-80	Credit Bal @ 1.7.80	481-16
Cost of MNASSA 1/80 + 4/80	459-91	Subscriptions:	
MNASSA back numbers	471-00	Arrears	52-50
Handbook production 1981	1080-56	Current	7513-74
Reprints MNASSA Articles	53-00	Advance	<u>100-26</u>
Publicatiois despatch	109-00	Entrance Fees	102-50
Publications postage	382-61	MNASSA reprints sold	65-00
Post - MNASSA back Nos.	1-65	Sale of MNASSA	303-37
Stat'y, printing, equip.	41-34	Sale of MNASSA back Nos.	183-00
Variable Star Charts	26-27	Sale of Handbooks	71-50
Postage (other)	24-57	Sale of spare S & T	174-25
Sales Tax (prev. Customs)	34-72	MNASSA Advert	10-00
Essay Competition prizes	60-00	B. Soc dividend (Forbes)	8-00
Tfrd to Plus Plan	4000-00	F. Dep interest	90-00
Bank Charges	117-25	Drawn from Plus Plan	400-00
Credit Bal 9.2.81	449-94	Comm & Exchange gains	13-34
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R1000-00 is still on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.

The Balance in the Plus-Plan A/c is now R4000-00.

The Balance in the McIntyre Award A/c is now R1850-34, of which R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit, bond interest of R35-47 having been added in December.

(Sgd) Garrett Orpen. HON. TREASURER.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED AT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th FEBRUARY 1981.

- Master RICHARD BERNSTEIN, 23 Buckingham Road, PORT ELIZABETH 6001
Mr. Frank-Douglas BIESMAN-SIMONS, Leo Marquard Hall, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN.
Mr. ROBERT BLORE, 69 Hoylake Drive, DURBAN NORTH 4051
Mr. JOHN A.R. CALDWELL, 1409, Gardens Centre, Mill St., CAPE TOWN 8001
Mr. RUSSELL EDWARD BISHOP, 29 East Wing, Highveld House, Stevenson St.,
WITBANK 1035
Mr. Johannes Jacobus CALITZ, Pospersoneel, HENDRINA, Tvl. 1095
Mr. JOHN HAROLD CARLESS, 28 Kangnussie Road, Blairgowrie, JOHANNESBURG 2194
Mr. RICHARD NORMAN COLE, P.O. Box 6888, Roggebaai, CAPE TOWN 8012
Mr. WILLEM LUDWIG COMBRINCK, 18 Bamburgh Road, Stirling, EAST LONDON 5241
Mr. JAN DAVEY, 9 Belle Isle, Norfolk Avenue, SEA POINT, Cape 8001
Mr. F.R. de JAGER, 292 31st Avenue, Hillieria, PRETORIA 0186
Miss MARION EDITH DOLLERY, 12 Kyrhin Street, Rouxville, JOHANNESBURG 2192
Mr. P.T.B. ERASMUS, 3 Joseph Orpen Street, Wilgehof, BLOEMFONTEIN 9322
Advocate J. FASSER, Advocates' Chambers, 200 Andries Street, PRETORIA 0002
Mr. ARON Z. KATZ, Newton Park Pharmacy 301-3 Cape Road, PORT ELIZABETH 6001
Mr. DAVID MARTIN WILLIAM KILKENNY, S.A.A.O., P.O. Box 9 OBSERVATORY 7935
Mr. T. KOULOUNTIS, 28 Assegai Street, Three Rivers, VEREENIGING 1930
Mr. NEVILLE BRIAN LAVARACK, 21 Tibouchina Place, Glenhills, DURBAN 4051
Mr. BARRY MEYER, 11 Anderson Street, Libradene, BOKSBURG 1460
Mr. ROY FREDERICK POOLE, 1, Claribel Mansions, Claribel Road, DURBAN 4001
Miss WENDY-ANN FELICITY PULLINGER, PO. Box 69783, BRYANSTON 2021
Mr. OLLI MAUNO SELANDER, 8 Villa Palmar, Upper Portswood Road, GREEN POINT, Cape 8001
Miss ANNE-MARIE THERON, 22 Mozart Street, VANDERBIJLPARK 1900
Mr. ROB van der MERWE, 1102 Doonside, Lester Road, BEDFORD GARDENS 2008
Miss JACQUELINE WARD, 5, Jarvis Street, CAPE TOWN. 8001
Mr. MIKE. E. WRIGHT, 107 St Patrick's Road, Hatfield, SALISBURY, Zimbabwe
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Mr. WILLIAM BENJAMIN TALBOT, 522 Mitchel Street, PRETORIA 0183 was elected at the
Meeting held on 15/9/1980; but his name does not appear in
the Minutes of that Meeting.
(in view of what was said at the Meeting, I think you should include in the
Minutes the following - I shall have their election confirmed at the next Meeting)
Mrs MARY M. FITZGERALD, 46 Llandudno Road LLANDUDNO, Cape 7800
Dr. JUSTIN TAITZ, 19 Sixth Street, Orange Grove, JOHANNESBURG 2192
Dr. HERMANUS NIKOLAAS SYBRANDUS WIECHERS, P.O. Box 32596, GLENSTANTIA, Pretoria 8012

The people listed overleaf are shown in M.N.A.S.S.A no 11 & 12 of 1979 as having been elected (and they all joined); but their names do not appear in the Minutes of any Council Meetings:-