

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1981 November 23 at 20h00 at the  
S A Astronomical Observatory, Cape Town.

Present: Dr A Fairall in the Chair, Prof B Warner, Messrs Orpen,  
Simenhoff, G and C Larmuth, Hurly, Bondiette, Duveen,  
Bentley, Turk, Miss Booth and Mrs FitzGerald.

Apologies: for absence received from Dr Cousins, Prof Baart, Messrs  
Krumm, Spencer-Jones.

Minutes: of the previous meeting, copies of which had been circulated,  
were taken as read and signed.

Matters Rising: <sup>ORPEN</sup> Mr ~~Duveen~~ informed Council that plus-minus <sup>13</sup>~~170~~ October  
copies of Sky and Telescope were missing, and suggested that  
discreet enquiries be made to replace AMA as distributors of  
the magazine and MNASSA. At present problems are again being  
experienced regarding the distribution of Sky and Telescope and  
this in turn is placing a great deal of extra work on the  
shoulders of the Treasurer.

Mr Duveen will investigate and report back.

It was agreed upon that about 170 extra copies of the March  
1981 issue of Sky and Telescope be given to the Cape Centre  
at the Observatory for distribution to visitors.

MNASSA: The Chairman reported that the first issue for 1981  
is out; the second about to appear; and asked permission to  
proceed with the third issue as the only delay was due to  
the various Centres not sending in their reports. It was  
agreed that the printing should proceed although it may be  
a little thin.

The Treasurer pointed out that on the top of page 4 of the  
previous minutes of the Council Meeting the word "suspended"  
should in actual fact read "terminated." It was agreed upon  
and duly changed.

Mr Hurly informed Council that Prof Baart would be in Johannes-  
burg in April 1982 and was prepared to present the Gill Medal  
to Mr Chris Papadopoulos. This proposal will be discussed  
further, as Council still felt that the presentation should  
be and "event" and publicity given to it.

Miss Booth asked that the matter concerning the list of the  
names and addresses of ASSA members to be placed on computer  
tapes be left over until the new year. She will then also  
contact Mr Andrew Gray regarding the matter.

FINANCE: Mr Orpen read out the attached Financial Statement. Mr Hurly proposed that it be accepted which was seconded by Mr G Larmuth.

NEW MEMBERS: The following were elected subject to the publication of names in MNASSA and no objections being received:

Mr P J Beukes,  
Posbus 250,  
Vaalwater, 0530

Mr Stanley Roberts Epstein  
18 Louis Ave.,  
Bordeaux, Randburg, 2194

Mr O J Frisby,  
c/o Redfood  
P O Box 559  
Isando, 1600

Mrs Mary Barbara Goldsworthy  
20 Chesterton Street  
Farrarmere  
Benoni, 1500

Mr Brian A Jacoby  
605 Pinehurst  
Lilson Road  
Sea Point, 8001

Mr Maurice Leiserowitz  
Bayside Residence  
Seacliffe Road  
Bantry Bay, 8001

Dr John William Menzies,  
S A Astronomical Observatory  
P O Box 9  
Observatory, 7935

Dr J F Nel,  
Privaatsak X382  
Pretoria  
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Dr D E O'Donaghue  
83 Dolphin Court  
57 Prince Street  
Durban 4001

Mr Bryan David Viljoen  
Plot 7, Maxley,  
Bloemspruit Or  
P O Box 19004, Bloemspruit, 9364

Mr Duveen enquired whether on joining the Society the new members were aware of the various Centres. Mr Hurly suggested that as Council was not exactly sure on this point, it should be up to the Council Representatives of the various Centres to see that all new Society members are also members of their respect Centres as this is of interest to them. On receipt of the Council Meeting Minutes the Council Representative should contact the new members listed in their area and fully inform them of the Centre and its activities.

The Chairman suggested that a letter concerning the various Centres should be sent to the new members on acceptance and that the Council Representatives should look into this matter.

SUMMARY MNASSA VOLUMES: Mr Orpen read a letter from Prof Wild in which he asked whether these volumes could be offered ASSA members at a reduced price. Prof Warner advised Council that some monies for printing are still to be paid to the University of Cape Town. Dr Fairall will discuss the matter with Prof Wild, as it would also depend on how many copies have already been sold, and will then report back to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary read the letter from Mr A Gray regarding the application from the P.E. People's Observatory Society to be an approved Centre of ASSA. Mr Turk pointed out that according to the Constitution the word "affiliated" in their proposed application is not acceptable. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Turk would contact Mr Ron Maasdorp and try and sort out the matter as Council has in principle no objections, but they must comply with the Constitution. Mr Turk mentioned that at present there is still the problem regarding the Natal Centre's constitution.

The Secretary advised that many foreign letters had been received from people all over Europe after an article had appeared in Panorama on Astronomy in South Africa. Mr Turk kindly offered to deal with the correspondence after establishing exactly what appeared in the magazine and what the writers of the various letters required.

Mr Bondiotti read a letter from ASBSO concerning the tribute to Mr de Kock. Mr Bondiotti enquired whether this reward would be the property of ASSA or the Cape Centre; whether Council could contribute towards the cost of displaying the reward; in fact general guidance. Council agreed to contribute towards the cost and felt that the reward/tribute be left with the Cape Centre. Mr Bondiotti will report back to Council after discussion with the Cape Centre Members. Mr Hurly suggested that the tribute be published in MNASSA.

Miss Booth requested that the Minutes of the Council Meeting be sent out earlier.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21h45 ; the next meeting of Council being fixed for 8th February 1982.

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HON. CHAIRMAN

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HON. SECRETARY

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23/11/1981.

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	R. c.	<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" and Freight Charges for period July to October 1981	2010-09	Credit Balance at 1/7/1981	38-38
Miscellaneous expenditure on M.N.A.S.S.A., July-October 1981	7-65	<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Expenditure on Summary Volume	15-15	Current      5498-49	
Expenditure on reproduction of M.N.A.S.S.A. Back Numbers	12-81	Arrears      2-50	
Addressing & Despatch of publications, July to October 1981	134-80	Advance      68-76	5569-75
Postage on publications, July to October 1981	506-81	Entrance Fees	72-50
Postage on Summary Volumes MNASSA	13-25	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	281-71
Stationery	6-27	Sale of reprints of articles in M.N.A.S.S.A.	80-00
Postage, other than above	21-07	Sales of Summary Volumes of M.N.A.S.S.A.	178-28
Hon. Secretary' Expenses (Transportation allowance)	130-00	Sale of Handbooks	25-00
General Sales Tax	99-53	Sale of back and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	91-10
Transferred to Plusplan A/c., July, August and November 1981	3000-00	Sale of Society Booklets	6-75
Bank Charges.	27-27	Pro-rata refund of insurance premium, Society's telescopes.	12-74
Credit Balance at 23rd. Novr. 1981. <del>496-90</del>	535-28	Interest on Fixed Deposit	35-00
	<u>R6519-98</u>	Unnecessary Commission on cheques, exchange gains and airmail and other postage paid	118-94
		Interest on Building Society Shares, Forbes Bequest	9-83
			<u>R6519-98</u>

R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.

The Balance in the Plusplan A/c. at date is R4750-00

The Balance in the McIntyre Award Account remains at R2091-59, of which R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit.

*Garnett Ory*  
HON. TREASURER.