

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1982 February ⁵8 at 20h00 at the
S A Astronomical Observatory, Cape Town.

- 1.) Present: Dr E Baart in the chair, Drs Feast and Cousins,
Messrs Hurly, Orpen, Simenhoff, Spencer-Jones,
G. Larmuth, C Larmuth, Duveen, Bentley, Miss Booth
and Mrs FitzGerald.
- 2.) Apologies: for absence noted from Prof Warner, Dr Fairall,
Messrs Bondiotti, Turk and ~~K~~rumm.
- 3.) Dr Baart opened the meeting by firstly thanking Council for
electing him as President and for arranging the date
of the meeting so that he could attend.
- 4.) Minutes: of previous meeting held 1981 November 23, copies of
which had been circulated, were taken as read and adopted.
- 5.) Matters Rising: Sky and Telescope: Mr Duveen advised that before
he could make any further enquiries regarding the
distribution he would need a sample (magazine and envelop)
and will then report back to Council at the next meeting.

Gill Medal: Prof Baart informed Council that he would be
in Johannesburg in April and would be prepared to present
Mr Chris Papadopoulos with the medal. Arrangements would
have to be made with the Transvaal Centre, and Mr G Larmuth
would contact Mr Danie Overbeek. Dr Baart will advise the
Secretary of the date of his visit to Johannesburg.
Mr Spencer-Jones will see to the engraving and also advised
that there is now only one Gill Medal left.

Mr Hurly reported that according to Mr A Gray the names
of the members for the proposed list were now stored in
a Wang Computer and that a print-out could be obtained
within two weeks. Only the updating of the list was necessary
at this stage.

It was agreed that the Treasurer should reimburse Mr Gray
for the list of names obtained from AMA.

Council however felt that a list of all members to be posted
annually to all concerned would be costly.

The matters was left to Mr Spencer-Jones and Miss Booth
to look into, and report back.

Summary MNASSA Volumes: As Dr Fairall was unable to attend
the matter will be held over until the next meeting.

- 6.) Finance: The Treasurer read the attached financial statement and for 1982. According to his estimate the Society will be running at a loss due to the increase of postage etc.
- 7.) New Members: The following were elected subject to the publication of names in MNASSA and no objections being received:

Mr S P Andrews Jnr.
55 Heidelberg Street
Nigel, 1490

Mr M J R Begbie
245 Samora Machel Avenue West
Salisbury, Zimbabwe

Mr Wessel Beukes
P O Box 3150
Three Rivers
Vereniging, 1935

Mr A L Codd
13 Lutgens Road
Rondebosch, 7700

Dr I MacK. Coulson
c/o S A Astronomical Obs.,
P O Box 9, Observatory
7935

Mr A J D'Arcy
21 Gansiebos St.
Weltevreden Park
Florida, 1710

Mr A C Dredge
91 Seventh St
Parkmore, 2196

Mr G Garbini
83 Third Ave
Kew, Johannesburg, 2090

Mr J J Jacot-Guillarmod
36 J B M Hertzog Road
Bonaero Park, Kempton Park

Mr A J Kroese
P O Box 19
Vrijzee, 7495

Mr E P E Puchades
12 The Pines
Field Close, Bedordview
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Mr L Linsley
11 Birch St
Newlands, Cape 7700

Master Craig Murdoch
68 Rose St
Riviera, Pretoria, 0084

Master Jeremy Seeber
P O Box 30455
Sunnyside, Pretoria, 0132

Mr Auke Slotegraaf
7 Kanarie Ave
Onderpapegaaiberg,
Stellenbosch, 7600

Mr H L Stevenson
27 Lady Anne Ave
Newlands, Cape, 7700

Mr. R D Wallach
Korannabergweg 65
Waterkloof Heights
Pretoria, 0181

Mr F P Westhoff
P O Box 3242,
Pretoria
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Mr H E Foyster,
P O Box 373
Dundee,
Natal, 3000

- 8.) Correspondence: Council read with pleasure and interest a letter from Mr Jack Bennett in which he informed the Secretary that the Transvaal Education Department included Astronomy as a special subject in extra classes for gifted children. These lectures are held at the Teachers' College in Pretoria on Wednesday afternoons. Dr Feast suggested that the Treasurer send Mr Bennett a free copy of the Handbook for these classes. Dr Feast also felt that the persons concerned with these classes be advised of the existence of the two Centre in Pretoria and Johannesburg, and that Astronomy is offer at the University of South Africa.

As Mr Turk was absent, the letter from Mr James Barker will be held over until the next meeting.

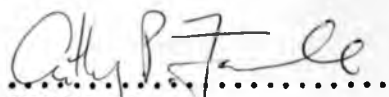
- 9.) Other Matters: Mr G Larmuth is to approach Mr Danie Overbeek in connection with the directorship of the planetary occultation section.

Dr Feast advised Council that the Observatory would be prepared to give a few people who are genuinely interested information received from the IAU regarding occultations, etc. Dr Feast agreed that he would contact the directors of the various sections and advise them of the offer. It would be too costly to give the information to all members. Mr Hurly suggested that it be placed in the Handbook.

Dr Feast asked that the Free Mailing list be updated and revised and felt that Dr Hewitt should be included as well as Dr Heyman of the C S I R. Mr Hurly suggested that Dr Feast should check the mailing list and write Dr Heyman asking him to join the Society.

Dr Feast asked that Council place on the Agenda for the next meeting a reminder that Council should elect members for the IAU Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 p.m., the next meeting being fixed for April 19, 1982.


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CHAIRMAN

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HON. SECRETARY

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5/2/1982

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	
	R. c.		R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for period July to December 1981	3092-51	Credit Balance at 1/7/1981	38-38
Cost of production of MNASSA, nos. 1 to 4 for 1981	489-90	<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Expenditure on reproduction of MNASSA Back Numbers	12-81	Arrears	22-00
Expenditure on Summary Volume of MNASSA Back Numbers	15-15	Current	7528-24
Cost of production of Handbook for 1982	1213-47	Advance	<u>255-76</u>
Addressing and despatch of publications, July to December 1981	194-84		7806-00
Postage on publications, July to December 1981	743-48	Entrance Fees	107-50
Postage on Summary Volumes	13-25	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	638-96
Stationery	6-27	Sale of reprints of articles in M.N.A.S.S.A.	88-40
Postage, other than above	37-37	Sale of Summary Volumes of MNASSA Back Numbers	279-28
Hon. Secretary's Expenses (Transportation allowance)	187-50	Postage and packing on Summary Volumes paid	12-00
General Sales Tax	162-69	Sale of Handbooks	488-50
Variable Star Charts	37-51	Sale of Back and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	94-30
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c., July, August & November 1981	3000-00	Sale of Society Booklets	6-75
Bank charges	37-10	Pro-rata refund of insurance premium on Society's Telescopes	12-74
Credit Balance, 5/2/1982	1587-96	Interest on Fixed Deposit	35-00
		Interest on Building Society Shares (Forbes Bequest)	9-83
		Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/c., November and December 1981	1000-00
		Airmail postage paid	16-64
		Commission on cheques and exchange gains, etc..	197-53
	<u>R10831-81</u>		<u>R10831-81</u>

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

The balance in the "Plusplan" A/c. at date is R3750-00

The balance in the McIntyre Award account is now R2134-49, of which

R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit.

Garrett Oshon
HON. TREASURER.