

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
C/o S.A. ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY, P.O. BOX 9, OBSERVATORY 7935

Minutes of Council Meeting held 1982 March 22 at 20h00
at the S A Astronomical Observatory, Cape Town.

- 1.) Present: Dr A Fairall in the Chair, Prof B Warner, Dr Cousins, Messrs Bondiotti, Bentley, Hurly, Orpen, Simenhoff, Spencer-Jones, G and C Larmuth, Turk, Krumm, Miss Booth & Mrs FitzGerald.
- 2.) Apologies: for absence noted from Prof Baart, Dr Feast, Messrs Hers, Gray, Overbeek, Duveen, Vincent, Papadopoulos.
- 3.) Minutes: of the previous meeting held 1982 Feb.5, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and adopted.
- 4.) Matters Rising:
 - Sky and Telescope Distribution: Due to Mr Duveen's absence, the matter will be carried forward to the next meeting in June.
 - Gill Medal: The Secretary advised that Mr Overbeek has made the necessary arrangements and the presentation of the medal to Chris Papadopoulos by Prof Baart is to take place at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg on April 14.
 - Mr Gray requested that photos be taken of this event and sent to Sky and Telescope and MNASSA for publication.
 - Mr Spencer-Jones also requested the citation for MNASSA publication.
 - List of Names & Addresses: Mr Hurly advised Council that Mr Gray does not want to be reimbursed for the list obtained from AMA and that the money be retained as a donation. Council expressed their thanks to Mr Gray for this donation and all his time and effort. Mr Gray is to advise the Hon. Treasurer of the exact amount.
 - However, Mr Spencer-Jones informed Council that the present print-out of names received contained many errors and should be thoroughly checked by two people before publication in MNASSA as a centre piece. It was agreed upon that the list be updated to date of publication, and that it should be published only once as the cost would be fairly high. Should Mr Gray be willing and

able, members wanting a more up to date list after publication, could obtain a copy from Mr Gray for a nominal fee.

Summary MNASSA Volumes : Dr Fairall was unable to report back fully, and the matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.

- 5.) Finance: Mr Orpen read the attached financial statement which Mr Hurly proposed should be accepted and this was seconded by Mr G Larmuth.

Mr Bondietti requested that Messrs Orpen and Turk look into the matter of reinvesting the monies on Fixed Deposit so as to realise better interest rates and returns.

- 6.) Entrance & Subscription Fees: It was unanimously agreed that the Entrance fee be increased to R5,00 and the yearly subscription for the ASSA to R25,00, effective from 1.7.1982.

Such increase would therefore accommodate raising costs, postage etc. for a period of at least two years.

- 7.) New Members: The following were elected subject to the publication of names in MNASSA and no objections being received:

Mr William Armstrong
19 Ravens Road
Beyers Park Ext 5
Boksburg, 1460

Mr Stewart T. Bond
8 Dawn Place
UMBOGINTWINI
Natal, 4125

Mr S J Dippenaar
1 Kiaat Flats
Maroela Street
Birchleig,
Kempton Park, 1620

Mr G R Drevin
57 Von Willich St
Potchefstroom, 2520

Mr Peter Donal Mitchell
95 Valley View Ave
Rose Glen, Durban, 4091

Mr R E W Noack
28 Tritonia Road
Table View, 7405

Mr Guy Pearce
P O Box 1686
Krugersdorp, 1740

Mr R S Pillay
76 Doreen Road
Rylands Estate
Athone, 7764

Mr Robert H Robertson
10 Polly Street
Homestead,
Germiston, 1401

Miss Olivia Rose-Innes
3 Parry Road
Claremont, 7700

Mr William J Russell
30 Sarel Cilliers St
Rynfield, Benoni, 1500

Mr Jonanthan P Strauss
4 Elgin Drive
Cowie's Hill
Pinetown, 3600

Mr Jacobus Petrus Toerien
104 Chiselhurst
Lyle Road,
Rondebosch, 7700

Mr Lionel James Wylie
49 Frank Street
Lambton, Germiston
1401

8.) Correspondence:

The letter from Mr Barker was handed to Mr Turk who will contact him directly.

Mr. Turk will also contact Messrs Gray and Maasdorp regarding the P.E. People's Observatory becoming a Centre.

Mr Turk has traced and obtained the Panorama Magazine in which an article about astronomy and the ASSA appeared in Europe in several different languages and thus accounting for the sudden influx of overseas letters in foreign languages containing various requests.

Dr Cousins suggested that a circular type letter be drafted and posted to these people, which Mr Turk kindly agreed to do.

Prof Warner also suggested that a general Society Brochure be produced for dissemination among interested people.

Mr Bondiotti asked that the Hon Secretary write a letter of thanks to the Editors of Panorama as the article, although misunderstood by the overseas readers, had given the Society much publicity.

Council noted with interest the letter written by Mr Wolterbeek regarding special classes for gifted children, and Mr Hurly requested the letter enabling him to inform the Cape Council on the Transvaal activities.

Council also noted with thanks the contents of a letter from Mr Hers concerning Variable Stars etc.

As Dr Feast was unable to attend the meeting, the election of a prominent amateur astronomer on the IAU Council will be carried forward to the next meeting. Council awaits the letter from Dr Hewitt to confirm this election.

9.) Other Matters:

Mr Hurly advised that Mr Gray has mentioned that the Bloemfontein Centre is progressing very well and "getting into gear". Council noted this with great interest and expressed their good wishes and success.

The Chairman expressed concern regarding the amount of work Mr Orpen, the Hon. Treasurer, has to cope with at present, and asked for suggestions on how to alleviate some of the burden. Mr Turk proposed that a "Membership Treasurer" be appointed and with the help of Mr Gray computerise the membership list.

Mr Turk is to discuss the matter with Mr Gray and report back.

Mr Spencer-Jones showed Council neck ties for men with astronomical motives which could be obtained from ~~the U.K.~~ Taiwan and sold for plus-minus R5 - R6.

Mr Turk will approach the Trustees of the Funds for their approval of embarking on this venture.

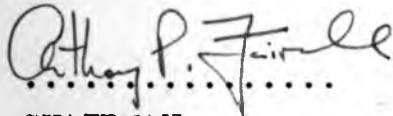
9.) Cont. The various Centre Reports have still not been received and are urgently required for publication in MNASSA. Council Representatives are asked to again remind the Centre Secretaries to forward these reports as soon as possible.

Mr Bondiotti advised that the Planetarium Projector arrived some two weeks ago, and that the console, presently being manufactured in the USA, is expected within 2 - 3 months.

The projector, designed for a 15 m. dome, is stored in packing cases at the Museum.

Mr Bondiotti will inform Council as and when any further progress is made.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22h20. The next Council Meeting being fixed for 1982 June 22.



CHAIRMAN

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HON. SECRETARY

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 22/3/1982.

EXPENDITURE.

RECEIPTS.

	R. c.		R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope", including Freight Charges, for period July 1981 to February 1982.	4009-87	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 in connection with M.N.A.S.S.A. Back Numbers	12-81	Arrears.	22-00
Expenditure in connection with M.N.A.S.S.A. Summary Volume	15-15	Current	7984-24
Cost of production of Handbook for 1982	1213-47	Advance	<u>355-51</u>
Addressing and despatch of publications, July 1981 to Jan. 1982	218-10	Entrance Fees	165-00
Postage on publications for the same period	823-53	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	791-96
Postage on Summary Volumes	13-25	Sale of reprints of articles in M.N.A.S.S.A.	88-40
Stationery, including printing of envelopes for publications	1229-31	Sale of Summary Volumes of M.N.A.S.S.A. Nos. I to XV	433-28
Postage, other than above	38-62	Sale of Handbooks, 1982	562-50
Hon. Secretary's Transportation Allowance	187-50	Receipts for postage and packaging of MNASSA Summary Volumes.	24-00
General Sales Tax on S. & T.	187-21	Sale of back and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	96-00
10% Import Surcharge for one month	51-10	Sale of Society Booklets	6-75
Variable Star Charts	37-51	Pro-rata refunds of Insurance Premium on Society's Telescopes	12-74
Bank Charges	94-04	Interest on Fixed Deposit	35-00
<u>Credit Balance at 22/3/1982</u>	<u>764-46</u>	Interest on Building Society Shares, Forbes Bequest	9-83
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c., July, August and November 1981	3000-00	Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/c., Novr. & Dec. 1981 and March 1982	1500-00
		Airmail postage on Society Publications paid	20-19
		Advertisement in M.N.A.S.S.A.	12-00
		Commission on cheques and exchange gains	228-05
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Garnett Oryen
HON. TREASURER.

Expenditure

ESTIMATE TO 30/6/1982

Receipts & Available

"Sky & Telescope"	2200	Balance as above	700
M.N.A.S.S.A.	1000	Subs. and Entrance Fees	200
Despatch	150	Handbooks	50
Postage	500	M.N.A.S.S.A.	50
Hon. Secretary's TPN	150	Interest	50
G.S.T. and Import Surcharge	<u>330</u>	"Plusplan" A/c.	3000
	4330	On Fixed Deposit	<u>1000</u>
			<u>5050</u>