

Minutes of the Council Meeting held 1982 June 21 at 20^h00 at the S.A.A.O., Cape Town.

1. Present

Prof. A.P. Fairall in the chair, Messrs. Hurly, Orpen, Spencer Jones, Bondiotti, G. and C. Larmuth, Duveen, Bently, Dr. Cousins and Miss Booth.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Feast, Prof. Warner and Messrs. Turk, Simenhoff and Overbeek.

3. Minutes

In the absence of Mrs. Fitzgerald, Miss Booth agreed to take minutes for this meeting only. The minutes of the previous meeting held 1982 March 22, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and adopted.

4. Matters arising

Sky and Telescope

Mr. Duveen reported that he had received a tender of approx. R70 from Mr. Goodfellow of Space Clearing and Forwarding Co. Pty. Ltd. for the delivery of Sky and Telescope to AMA, the posting agents. This is considerably less than the charges levied at present. Messrs. Duveen, Orpen and Bently were asked to investigate and act on the matter.

Presentation of the Gill Medal

It was reported that this had been made to Mr. Papadopoulos as previously arranged.

Summary M.N.A.S.S.A. Volumes

The following summary was received from Prof. Wild:

Cost of Production

Paid by A.S.S.A. for typing	approx. R1000
Paid by A.S.S.A. for binding	" R 800
Paid by A.S.S.A. for printing	" R 200
Paid by U.C.T. Editorial Board	" R 700

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2 copies @ R45 including p. & p.	R 135
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12 copies @ R53 including p. & p.	R 636
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R1437

Less postage and packing approximately R 90

Total R1347: 35 copies

Stock still held: 60 copies: value between

R1800 (if sold at cheap rate to members)

R3300 (if sold at gradually increasing prices to Libraries etc.)

Recommendations

- 1) That a "special offer" for Full Members of the A.S.S.A. be advertised at R34 per copy (including postage and packing).
- 2) That I be authorised to approach the U.C.T. Editorial Board to determine whether the amount of R700 is to be repaid, and if so, when.

P.A.T. Wild

Both recommendations were agreed to.

Reply to Letters re Panorama article

Prof. Fairall reported that the circular letter had been drafted and posted to all concerned.

The IAU Committee

The letter from Dr. Heymann of C.S.I.R. had been received. It requested Council to nominate each year 2 or 3 of its members, preferably amateurs, from whom C.S.I.R. would choose to serve on the IAU Committee. A request was also made for the composition of the Council. Council decided to forward a list of its present members with a promise to send a list of the new Council in October. It was agreed that all amateur members of Council including Centre Representatives but excluding alternates would be eligible for nomination. Prof. Fairall would consult with Dr. Feast and approach each amateur member after the A.G.M.

Administration

The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Fitzgerald has had to leave the Cape for Johannesburg. It was uncertain as to whether she would be returning and it seemed advisable to appoint a new Hon. Secretary. (Mr. Hurly thought Mr. Brian Molyneux might be interested to pursue the matter). It was also suggested that the honorarium to the Hon. Secretary should be increased to R25 p.m. (as an incentive for attracting a pensioner to take on the post). Council was divided on whether this should come from general funds or whether excess interest from the McIntyre award bequest should be used. No decision was taken.

M.N.A.S.S.A. Prof. Fairall suggested that an "administrative editor" for M.N.A.S.S.A. should be sought to relieve Mr. Churms of some of the work load. He offered to draft a letter to be sent to all members of the Society in the Cape Town area in this connection. Mr. Bondiotti offered to include this in the forthcoming Cape Centre notice. Prof. Fairall would also try to send it to all other Society members in the area.

Finance

Mr. Orpen read the attached financial statement which was accepted

New Members

The following were elected subject to the publication of names in M.N.A.S.S.A. and no objections being received.

DIOCESAN COLLEGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, Camp Ground Road, Rondebosch 7700.
 Mr. John Hugh Bradfield, P.O. Box 317, Scottburgh 4180.
 Mr. Johan Dempers, 2 Joubert Street, Wellington 7655.
 Mr. Rene' du Plessis, 179, Blackwood Street, Arcadia, Pretoria 0083.
 Mr. Hendrik Gerhardus Fleming, 68 Parnell Road, Estera, Elsberg 1407.
 Mr. Johannes Hendrik Grobler, P.O. Box 511, Rustenburg 0300.
 Mr. Michael Brook Haslam, P.O. Box 7018, Johannesburg 2000.
 Mr. Victor Hirsch, P.O. Box 13115, Humewood, Port Elizabeth 6013.
 Mr. F. Landolt, 13 Brackhurst Road, Kenwyn 7764.
 Mr. E.J. Milstein, 243 Surrey Avenue, Ferndale Ridge, Randburg 2194.
 Mr. Jan Christian Seemann, 4 Rutland Road, Harfield Village, Claremont 7700.
 Mr. Glen Fourie Steyn, P.O. Box 598, Pietersburg 0700.
 Mr. Graham R.S. Tayler, P.O. Box 9, Pietermaritzburg 3200.
 Mr. Henry Reginald van Eeden, 8A3, Parow Park, Parow 7500.
 Mrs. Tracy Eileen Elizabeth van der Son, 42 sixth Street, Krugersdorp North 1740.
 Ds. G.J. Vrey, Posbus 69, Sesbrugge (oor Upington).
 Mr. Nicholas Wood, 3 Linden Way, Pinelands 7405.

(In the list of members elected at the Council Meeting held on 22nd March, 1982, and already published in M.N.A.S.S.A., the surname of Mr. Stewart Townley Boyd, of 8 Dawn Place, Umbogintwini 4125, was unfortunately shown as "Bond" in error, and thus unfortunately appears as "Bond" in M.N.A.S.S.A. Nos. 1-4 for 1982).

8. *Resignations*

Mr. Orpen reported that five members had resigned probably due to the forthcoming increase in subscription.

9. *Correspondence*

A 17 year old French amateur wrote, expressing the desire to correspond with an observer in South Africa. It was decided to publish a translation of the letter in M.N.A.S.S.A. A girl in Malta wrote requesting exhibition material. It was decided to reply with the Panorama circular letter.

10. *Report of Council to the A.G.M.*

Prof. Fairall, was authorised to compose it.

11. *Nominations to Council.*

The following nominations were received:

President:	Mr. J. Vincent
Vice-Presidents:	Prof. E. Baart, Mr. J. Bondiotti, Prof. A. Fairall
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. G. Orpen
Members:	Dr. M. Feast, Messrs. A. Gray, H. Krumm, J. Hers

12. *Further Business*The new Planetarium of the S.A. Museum

Mr. Bondiotti reported that R14 million has been voted in Parliament for the new museum complex. This would include a new building for the planetarium which would in addition to the dome, have a reception area and toilets, workshops, sound studios and dark rooms. It is hoped to start building in January or February of next year.

Centre Reports

Alternates of Centre Representatives were asked to remind their Principals that their Centre's Chairman's Report and all other reports presented at the A.G.M. of the Centre should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the A.S.S.A., c/o S.A.A.O., P.O. Box 9, Observatory 7935 as soon as possible after the Centre's A.G.M. and before 1982 August 30. Mr. Hurly mentioned the difficulties he always has with lists of Centre Committees for the Handbook and requested that Centres should forward these directly to him at 8, Glebe Road, Rondebosch 7700. Miss Booth mentioned that Mr. Churms experienced the same difficulties with Chairman's Reports for M.N.A.S.S.A. and would like a copy sent to him directly at the S.A.A.O.

Overseas Subscriptions to M.N.A.S.S.A.

It was felt that the present dollar price of the subscription no longer reflected the true Rand price due to the falling rate of exchange. Messrs. Bently and Spencer Jones were authorised to investigate this.

The meeting closed at 22^h00.

Cathy P. Flee

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ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 21/6/1982.

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	R. c.	<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope", including freight charges, for period July 1981 to April 1982	5387-60	Credit Balance at 1/7/1981	38-38
Cost of production of MNASSA, nos. 1 to 12, Jan. to Dec. 1981	1126-00	<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Expenditure in connection with M.N.A.S.S.A. Back Numbers	12-81	Arrears 22-00	
Expenditure in connection with MNASSA Summary Volume I to XV	16-65	Current 8117-74	
Cost of production of Handbook for 1982	1213-47	Advance <u>1244-26</u>	9384-00
Addressing and despatch of Publications, July 1981 to May 1982	306-32	Entrance Fees	207-50
Postage on publications, July 1981 to May 1982	1195-93	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	1137-96
Postage on Summary Volumes	30-33	Sale of reprints of articles in M.N.A.S.S.A.	80-00
Postage on MNASSA Back Numbers	15-50	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A. Back Nos.	8-40
Stationery, including printing of envelopes for publications	1229-31	Sale of Summary Volumes of M.N.A.S.S.A. Nos. I to XV	761-28
Packaging for Summary Volumes	7-40	Receipts for postage, airmail postage and packaging	68-69
Postage, other than above	45-00	Sale of Handbooks	680-60
Hon. Secretary's transportation Allowance	187-50	Sale of back and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	103-85
General Sales Tax on "Sky and Telescope"	318-26	Sale of Society Booklets	6-75
10% Import surcharge, March to June 1982 on "Sky & Telescope"	269-50	Pro-Rata refunds of Insurance Premiums on Society's Telescopes	12-74
Variable Star Charts	37-51	Advertisements in M.N.A.S.S.A.	25-00
Embossing Gill Medal	4-00	Interest on Fixed Deposits	46-50
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c., July, August and November 1981	3000-00	Interest on Building Society Shares - Forbes Bequest	9-83
Bank charges	137-96	Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/c., Novr & Dec. 1981 and March 1982	2500-00
Credit Balance at 21/6/1982	1172-35	Interest on "Plusplan" A/c.	224-83
		Commission on cheques and exchange gains (417-09)	407-09
	<u>R15713-40</u>		<u>R.15713-40</u>

R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society
 The balance in the "Plusplan" Account at date is R2250-00
 The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R2396-74, of which R2000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.

Garrett O'Keefe
HON. TREASURER.