#### ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1983 February 16 at 20h00 at SAAO, Cape Town

#### 1. Present

Prof A.P. Fairall in the Chair, Drs A.W. Cousins and Peter Mack, Miss P. Booth, Messrs W.C. Bentley, J.S. Bondietti, C.H. Larmuth, G.H. Larmuth, G. Orpen, J. Spencer Jones and the Hon. Secretary H.E.Krumm. (See Minute No 4 (i) below)

#### 2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. M. Feast, Prof. Brian Warner, Messrs V. Duveen, R. Hurly and J. Simenhoff.

#### 3. Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting of Council held at the SAAO on 1982 October 11 at 20h00, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

#### 4. Matters arising from the Minutes

- (i) Office of Hon. Secretary. It was proposed and seconded that Mr. H.E.Krumm be elected Hon. Secretary of the ASSA. This was confirmed by the meeting. After a few faltering words of appreciation for his appointment to an office of which he was the unworthy successor to several distinguished members of the Society, the meeting proceeded to consider the following relevant matters:-
  - (a) Mr. J. Spencer Jones would intercept correspondence addressed to the Society via the SAAO and would deal with such he thought fit, passing that on to the Hon. Secretary which required his his personal attention in his official capacity.
  - (b) The Hon. Secretary to send typed copies of the previous meeting together with the agenda for the following meeting and any other notices to Mr. J.Bondietti at P.O.Box 82, Cape Town, who had kindly agreed to have them duplicated and despatched to the members of the Society concerned. Mr. G.Orpen, Treasurer and Membership Secretary, would keep Mr. Bondietti informed of changes of address and remunerate him for envelopes and postage.
- (ii) The IAU Committee. Prof. A.P.Fairall reported that he had informed the CSIR of the names of the three members Council had decided to nominate to serve on the SA IAU Committee. Mr. D.Overbeek had thanked Council for including him among the nominees.
- (iii) Project Galileo. Council learned with regret that the organisers had decided to cancel this Congress due to circumstances over which they had no control.
  - (iv) Natal Centre Constitution. Due to the absence of Mr.C.Turk it was agreed to leave this matter to the next meeting of Council.

### 5. Financial Statement

Mr. G.Orpen presented his financial statement which showed a credit balance of R1001, 32. The adoption of the statement was proposed by Mr.G. Larmuth, seconded by Miss P. Booth and adopted. A copy of the statement is attached to these minutes. The increase in the subscription had not led to as many resignations as had been expected, in fact applications for membership continued to be received.

#### New Members

The following new members were elected subject to the publication of their names in MNASSA and to no objections having been received:-

Mr. Hendrik Frans Verwoerd Boshoff, "Sonop", Murraystraat 93, Brooklyn, Pretoria 181

Mr. Petrus Johannes de Net, Strandkloofstraat 7, Glenharvie, Westonaria

Mrs. Alexandra Gumiliar, 83 Palliser Road, Edenglen, Edenvale 1610

Mr. Ronald George Glass, 15 Heather Way, Oakridge, Meadowridge 7800

Mr. Ivan Myers, P.O.Box 93258, Yeoville, Johannesburg 2143

Mr. William John Russell, 30 Sarel Cilliers Street, Rynfield, Benoni 1500

Mr. Gordon Robert Albert Stafford, 1 Ermelo Road, Strubenvale, Springs 1560

Mr. Andre Bernard Steenkamp, 11 Pelikan Avenue, Birchacres, Kempton Park 1620

Dr. Clive Ferreira Strauss, P.O.Box 375, Knysna 6570

Mr. Raymond John Williamson, 2 Sunrise, Pinelands, Cape 7405

Mr. Allan Grant Wilson, 11 Oberon Way, Meadowridge 7800

Master Selwyn Becker, 15A Cotswold Drive, Milnerton 7405

Mr. Desmond Clifford Curry, 33 Rooiwal Crescent, Uitsig, Bloemfontein 9300 Mr. Alan Kingo Smith, Plot 201, Rietfontein, Muldersdrift, or P.O.Box

43340, Industria 2042

Dr. Peter Mack, S.A. Astronomical Observatory, P.O.Box 9, Observatory 7935

Mr. Guillaume Hendrik Olwage, P.O.Box 484, Gobabis, S.W.A. 9000

Mr. Raymond Wilkinson, 61 Watsonia Road, Grosvenor, Bluff, Durban 4052

#### Correspondence

- (i) Tasco (SA) (Pty) Ltd., Bryanston. Handbook. A request had been received from this firm for two copies of the 1983 Handbook and for permission to quote from it on condition the source of the information was acknowledged. It was agreed to permit them to quote from the Handbook on condition that the source of the information was acknowledged and that two copies be sent to them at R1.50 per copy.
- (ii) Postage Stamps depicting South African Astronomy. A letter had been received from a member of the Society, Mrs. Mary Joubert of Gordons Bay, suggesting that the Director of Philatelic Services in Pretoria be asked by Council to issue a series of stamps on South African Astronomy. Members of Council present at the meeting welcomed the proposal and it was decided that Mr. Spencer Jones should consult with Prof. Warner and that a letter be sent to the appropriate authority.

#### 8. Other Business

- (i) Non-receipt of 1983 Handbook by members in Harare. Mr. Overbeek had reported that members of the Society in Herare had not received copies of the Handbook for 1983 for reasons unknown. The matter had been attended to.
- (ii) Macmillan Mail (Pty) Ltd. Mr. Spencer Jones had been approached by this firm, which is a subsidiary of the Macmillan Publishing House, for a list of the names and addresses of members of the Society among whom they wished to distribute a catalogue dealing with books on astronomical subjects. It was agreed not to supply them with such a list but to inform them that the Society would be willing to mail the catalogue at their expense, which included postage and handling charges. It was left with Mr. Spencer Jones and Mr. Orpen to take the matter further.
- (iii) Planetarium at the South African Museum. Mr. Bondietti gave a brief progress report on the new planetarium. Small problems had been encountered but these had been solved and things were proceeding well. He thought that it would take another three years before the planetarium became operative.
  The design of the whole complex was unique in South Africa, including the projection screen which measured over 15 metres in diameter. The theatre was a multipurpose affair as the projection unit could be lowered below floor level. The reception area was actually below the planetarium floor.
  Asked about the new star charts, Mr. Bondietti replied that these were now in the process of preparation.
- 9. Next Meeting of Council. The next meeting of Council would be held at the SAAO on Monday 11th. April 1983 at 20h00.
- 10. There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 21h30.

Hon. Secretary Languerg Uitsigstraat 3 Langebaan, Cape. 7357 Chairman. Chy Fine

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th FEBRUARY 1983

EXPENDITURE.		RECEIPTS.	
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" July to December 1982	R. c. 3566-19	Credit Balance B/fwd, 1/7/1982 Subscriptions.	R. c. 63-03
Cost of production of MNASSA, May and June 1982	417-07	Arrears 26-75 Current 9542-68	
Expenditure in connection with Sales of Back Numbers of MNASSA	27–68	Advance 150-01 Entrance fees	9719-44 · 115-00
Expenditure in connection with sales of Summary Volume of		Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	456-49
M.N.A.S.S.A., (Nos. I to XV) Cost of production of	19-35	Sale of reprints of Articles in M.N.A.S.S.A.	25-00
Handbook for 1983	1669 <b>–</b> 50	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A. Back Nos.	43-54
Addressing and despatch of publications, July to December 1982:		Sale of Summary Volumes of MNASS.	A.369-01
	158-43	Sale of Handbooks, 1982 & 1983	315-00
Postage on publications (current)		Receipts for postage & packaging of MNASSA Summary Volumes:	33 <b>–</b> 35
Postage on Back Numbers of MNASSA Postage on and packaging of	5-54	Air postage paid by subscribers to M.N.A.S.S.A.	10-21
Summary Volumes of MNASSA	38-66	Sale of spare back numbers of	T
Stationery and equipment	3-05	"Sky & Telescope"	3360
Postage, other than above	32 <b>–</b> 00	Sale of miscellaneous Society Booklets	8-25
General Sales Tax on "Sky & Tele-scope, July to December 1982:	222-73	Donations	7-01
Import Surcharge on above	309 <b>–</b> 40 45 <b>–</b> 69	Interest on Fixed Deposit (Forbes bequest)	
Variable Star Charts			13-75
Insurance of effects and Society telescopes	5 <b>5–</b> 5 <b>5</b>	Pro Rata share of Insurance of Society's telescopes:	3-35
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c., July and August 1982	5000-00	Commission on cheques and exchange gains	114-70
Bank charges Credit Balance at 16th Febr.1983.	43.00	Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/c., December 1982	2000-00
R13	R.	13330-73	

R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society. The balance in the "Plusplan" £/c. at date is R4850-00 The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R2705-87 of which R2000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.

HON. TREASURER.