

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. Bondiotti, 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 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.Bondiotti 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. Bondiotti 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.

## 6. 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 Wet, Strandkloofstraat 7, Glenharvie, Westonaria 1780

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. André 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

## 7. 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.

Chairman.....

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	
	R. o.		R. o.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope", July to December 1982	3566-19	Credit Balance B/fwd, 1/7/1982	63-03
Cost of production of MNASSA, May and June 1982	417-07	<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Expenditure in connection with Sales of Back Numbers of MNASSA	27-68	Arrears	26-75
Expenditure in connection with sales of Summary Volume of M.N.A.S.S.A., (Nos. I to XV)	19-35	Current	9542-68
Cost of production of Handbook for 1983	1669-50	Advance	<u>150-01</u>
Addressing and despatch of publications, July to December 1982	158-43		9719-44
Postage on publications (current)	717-49	Entrance fees	115-00
Postage on Back Numbers of MNASSA	5-54	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	456-49
Postage on and packaging of Summary Volumes of MNASSA	38-66	Sale of reprints of Articles in M.N.A.S.S.A.	25-00
Stationery and equipment	3-05	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A. Back Nos.	43-54
Postage, other than above	32-00	Sale of Summary Volumes of MNASSA	369-01
General Sales Tax on "Sky & Tele- scope, July to December 1982	222-73	Sale of Handbooks, 1982 & 1983	315-00
Import Surcharge on above	309-40	Receipts for postage & packaging of MNASSA Summary Volumes	33-35
Variable Star Charts	45-69	Air postage paid by subscribers to M.N.A.S.S.A.	10-21
Insurance of effects and Society telescopes	55-55	Sale of spare back numbers of "Sky & Telescope"	33-60
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c., July and August 1982	5000-00	Sale of miscellaneous Society Booklets	8-25
Bank charges	41-08	Donations	7-01
Credit Balance at 16th Febr. 1983	1001-32	Interest on Fixed Deposit (Forbes bequest)	13-75
		Pro Rate share of Insurance of Society's telescopes	3-35
		Commission on cheques and exchange gains	114-70
		Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/c., December 1982	2000-00
	<u>R13330-73</u>		<u>R.13330-73</u>

R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.  
The balance in the "Plusplan" A/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.

*Garnett Oryen*  
HON. TREASURER.