

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1983 April 11 at 20h00 at SAAO  
Cape Town

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1. Present

Professor A.P.Fairall in the Chair, Dr. M.W.Feast, Miss P.Booth, Messrs J.S.Bondietti, R.Hurly, F.N.G.Orpen, J.Spencer Jones, C.Turk and the Hon. Secretary H.E.Krumm.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Professor B.Warner, Drs A.W. Cousins and Peter Mack, Messrs J.C.Bentley, V.Duveen, Jan Hers, C.H. Larmuth, G.H.Larmuth, D.Overbeek and J.Simenhoff.

Due to an oversight Mr. D.Overbeek's apologies for absence were omitted from Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1983 February 16.

Up-Country Members of Council. It was agreed to assume in future apologies for absence by up-country members from meetings of Council. The thought would be taken for the deed.

3. Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting of Council held at the SAAO on 1983 February 16 at 20h00, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

- (i) 4(iv) Natal Centre Constitution. This matter was left in abeyance.
- (ii) MacMillan Mail(Pty)Ltd. Council's conditions had been accepted and catalogues were in the process of being posted to members of the Society.

5. FINANCE

- (i) Financial Statement. The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial statement which showed a credit balance of R736-06c. The adoption of the statement was proposed by Mr.C.Turk and seconded by Mr.J. Bondietti. All in favour.  
Copy of Financial Statement is attached to these Minutes.
- (ii) Interest on current account. Hon. Treasurer to discuss this with the Bank.
- (iii) MacIntyre Award. The balance in the MacIntyre Award stood at R2873-30c of which R2000 is invested on fixed deposit with the United Building Society. It was agreed to request the Hon. Treasurer (a) to invest a further and suitable amount of up to R1000 with the UBS at the best possible rate of interest and (b) to ascertain the maturing date of the R2000 investment.
- (iv) Authorized Signatories. It was agreed to instruct the Bank in writing to remove the name of Mrs.M.FitzGerald from their list of authorized signatories as from 11 April 1983 and, further, to inform the Bank that as from this date the following members of the Society would act as our signatories:- Messrs W.C.Bentley, R.Hurly and F.N.G.Orpen.

(v) Handbook. Mr.R.Hurly reported that he expected the production cost of the Handbook for 1983 would be R1.39 per copy. Copies were being sold at the following rates:-

Individuals	R1.50 (including postage)
Mr. Geary-Planetarium	R1.50
South African Museum	R1.40
Professor A.H.Jarrett	R1.40

Mr.Hurley anticipated that the production cost of the 1984 Handbook would be about R1.60 per copy. It was agreed to sell copies at the following rates:-

Individuals	R2.00 (including postage)
Mr. Geary-Planetarium	R1.80
South African Museum	R1.80
Professor A.H.Jarrett	R1.60

The charge to the Johannesburg Planetarium for the advertisement on the back cover of the Handbook to be increased from R35 to R40 in 1984.

6. New Members.

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

Mr.H.BERGERMAN	P.O.Box 33478, JEPPESTOWN 2043.
Mr. Frederick Petrus BOTHA	P.O.Box 429, HAARTBEEFSTPOORT 0216.
Mnr. C.S. ENGELBRECHT	Primariusstraat 14, STRAND 7140.
Mr. P.J. JANSE VAN RENSBURG	202 Pinehurst, Lilson Road, SEA POINT 8001.
Mr. Georg E. KOBLITZ	P.O.Box 3669, CAPE TOWN 8000.
Mr. J.A. LYDDON	37 Milford Avenue, Glendower, EDENVALE 1610
Mnr. Daniel Jacobus RABE	Posbus 1543, BLOEMFONTEIN 9300.
Master Dennis Richard SCHILLER	22 Second Avenue, Northmead, BENONI 1500
Mr. Theodoros YANNOUCOS	200 Jan Smuts Avenue, Dunkeld, JOHANNESBURG 2196
Mr. A. THUROW	P.O. Box 68044, BRYANSTON 2021.
Mnr, Nicolaas Johannes VAN ZYL	James Dickstraat 8, Wilgehof, BLOEMFONTEIN 9301.

7. Correspondence.

Mr. Jan Hers: Minutes and Alternates. Mr. Hers wrote to the Hon. Secretary pointing out that it was not always clear from the Minutes of Council Meetings what was being discussed and what particular points were being made in the discussion. This made it difficult for up-country Members of Council to submit intelligent comments. He wanted to know whether the minutes were required to elaborate on obscurities or was this the task of the alternates.

The meeting felt that the minutes, as such, were adequate and concluded that the Council member and his alternate should communicate with one another on matters requiring elucidation.

8. Other Business.

Recognition for Long Service to the Society.

Mr. Hurley suggested that Council might consider introducing some form of recognition for services rendered to the Society by members over a long period of time. It was agreed to ask Members of Council to forward their comments to the Hon. Secretary, together with their suggestions as to the form the award might take.

9. Next Meeting of Council. Agreed to hold next meeting of Council at the SAAO on Monday 13 June 1983 at 20h00.

10. Closing. There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 22h20.

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Chairman.....*Cathy P. Fairall*.....

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE 1983

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	
	R. c.		R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope", July 1982 to <del>VII</del> 1983 (April)	5946-52	Credit Balance B/Fwd 1/7/1982	63-03
Cost of production of MNASSA, May to October 1982	1323-37	<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 MNASSA (nos. I to XV)	29-15	Current 9872-68	
Cost of production of Handbook for 1983	1669-50	Advance <u>372-51</u>	10271-94
Addressing & Despatch of publications, July 1982 to May 1983	278-30	Entrance Fees	230-00
Postage on publications (current)	1169-15	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	998-12
Postage on Back Numbers of MNASSA	5-54	Sale of reprints of articles in M.N.A.S.S.A.	25-00
Postage on and packaging of Summary Volumes of M.N.A.S.S.A.	38-66	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A. Back Nos.	45-04
Stationery and equipment	5-51	Sales of Summary Volume, MNASSA	404-01
Postage, other than above	54-24	Sale of Handbooks	421-40
General Sales Tax on "Sky & Tele- scope", July 1982 to May 1983	370-75	Receipts for postage and pack- aging of MNASSA Summary Volumes	33-35
Import Surcharge on above	436-75	Air postage paid by subscribers to M.N.A.S.S.A.	24-21
Variable Star Charts	45-69	Sales of spare back numbers of "Sky & Telescope"	50-60
Insurance of effects and of Society's Telescopes	55-55	Sales of miscellaneous Society Booklets	8-25
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c., July and August 1982	5000-00	Donations	7-01
Bank charges	103-95	Interest on Building Society Shares (Forbes Bequest)	27-75
Credit Balance, at 13/6/1983	786-23	Pro-rata share of insurance of Society's telescopes in possession of Centres	3-35
		Withdrawn from "Plusplan" A/c., December 1982 and February and May 1983	4500-00
		Commission on inwards drafts and exchange gains	233-48
	<u>R17346-54</u>		<u>R17346-54</u>

R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society at a rate of 12%.  
The balance in the "Plusplan" A/c. at date is R2969-88.  
The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R2950-80, of which R2000-00 is  
on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society at rates of 12% and 15½%.  
As soon as the total reaches R3000-00 (early in July 1983) a further R1000 will  
be palced on Fixed Deposit

*Garrett Cohen*  
HON. TREASURER.