

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1983 September 5 at 20h00 at SAAO
Cape Town

1. Present

Mr. R. Hurly in the Chair, Miss P. Booth, Messrs F.N.G. Orpen, J. Simenhoff, J. Spencer-Jones and the Hon. Secretary H.E. Kruman.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Professor M. Feast, Professor Brian Warner, Professor A.P. Fairall, Dr. A.W. Cousins, Dr. Peter Mack and Mr. M. Soltynski. Up Country Members automatically accepted.

3. Quorum

The meeting fell short of a quorum by one member. It was, however, decided to proceed with the meeting and to confirm the decisions and recommendations at the next meeting of Council.

4. Appointment of Alternates

The following were appointed to act as alternates subject to the approval of their principals:-

Mr. J. Spencer-Jones	for	Mr. J. Vincent
Mr. R. Hurly		Dr. G. Nicolson
Mr. J. Spencer-Jones (temporary)		Mr. M.A. Gray
Professor Brian Warner		Mr. J. Hers
Miss P. Booth	Bloemfontein Centre	(Mr. Walker)
Mr. M. Soltynski		Cape Centre (Rep)
Dr. A.W. Cousins		Harare Centre (Mr. Archer)
Mr. J. Simenhoff		Natal Centre (Mr. J. Barker)
Dr. Peter Mack		Pretoria Centre (Mr. J. Wolterbeek)

Alternates were not available at this stage for the Natal Midlands and Transvaal Centres. There were, in fact, three vacancies.

Mr. J. Spencer-Jones and the Hon. Secretary would endeavour to fill the vacancies with authority to invite the new members to attend the next Council Meeting.

It was noted with deep regret that Mr. V. Duveen, the alternate for the Natal Midlands Centre, had died of cancer on 18th August 1983.

5. Minutes

Minutes of previous Council Meeting held at the SAAO on 1983 June 13 20h00 were taken as read. The following items were amended to read as follows:

Minute No. 6: New Members - Mnr. A.J. Botha's address be amended to read Haarhoffstraat.

Minute No. 10: Gill Medals - this to read "stocks were exhausted."
The Chairman then proceeded to initial the Minutes.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

Minute No. 7(2). Printing of Membership Address List. Mr. J. Spencer-Jones reported that the matter was in hand and that when AMA had been notified of changes and deletions a copy would be sent to Mr. M.A. Gray. It was agreed to recommend to Council that the completed membership list be published in MNASSA as a centrepiece for one month and that an extra 50

copies of the list be produced.

Minute No.13. Council Resolution: Observing Sections' Reports. The Annual General Meeting held on 1983 July 27 endorsed the resolution submitted by Council that the reports of the Observing Sections shall in future cover the period extending from January 1 to December 31.

7. Finance

The Hon. Treasurer submitted his Financial Statement a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It showed a credit balance of R876. The statement to be ratified at the next meeting of Council.

8. New Members

(1) Council Meeting 1983 June 13. Minute No.6: Names accepted, to be confirmed at next meeting of Council.

(2) the names of the following new members were likewise accepted, subject to them being confirmed at next meeting of Council:-

Mr. Walter Arthur ARNOLD	58 Bowker Road, ESCOMBE 4093
Mr. Roger Hilton BLANE	1 Dallemayne Court, Arthur Street, Windsor Park, RANDBURG 2195
Mr. John DYASON	11 Parish Road, CONSTANTIA 7800
Mr. Alexander Neil GALBRAITH	P.O.Box 732032, SANDTON 2146
Mr. Alexander KALISH	66 Westlake Avenue, SINGAPORE, REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.
Mrs. Jacob Johannes KELLER	p/a N.I.U.S., Privaatsak X2, IRENE 1675.
Mrs. Johann Wilhelm NEL	Mareestraat 53, POTCHEFSTROOM 2520
Mrs. Gerrit Stephanus Georg PRETORIUS	Postbus 181, WITRIVIER 1240
Mr. Pieter Arnold REDELINGHUIS	11 Charo Street, Flamwood, KLERKSDOPP 2570.
Mr. Heinz RODE	The Gate House, Erin Road, RONDEBOSCH 7700.
Mrs. E.Honor WARD	U.N.I.S.W.A., KVALUSENI, SWAZILAND
Mr. Klaus Friedrich WIEGAND	96 Wodehouse Street, KING WILLIAMS TOWN 5600.
Mr. Edward Malcolm WOODS	19 Stafford Crescent, Hurlingham SANDTOWN 2196
Mr. Richard Robert James LINTON	16 David Street, Westering, PORT ELIZABETH 6001.

9. Correspondence

In response to a letter dated 21 July 1983 from Mr. M.A.Gray to the AGM the following two items were referred to Council for attention:-

(1) Observing Sections: Mr. Gray had enclosed an extract from CANOPUS of a letter from a Mr. B.M.Harris of Western Australia who wished to compile a list of observing programmes being carried out by astronomical societies in the Southern Hemisphere. In reply to Mr. Harris's request regarding our Society, Council suggested that copies of the extract be sent to Messrs J.C.Bennet, J.Hers, A.Morrisby and D.Overbeek and that they be asked to reply to him direct.

(2) ASSET: Mr. Gray felt that more publicity should be given to this important and valuable Trust Fund. It was agreed to follow up his suggestion and to ask the Secretary, Mr. C.Turk, to write an article dealing, for example, with the reasons for its existence and the progress being made.

10. McIntyre Award

It was agreed to recommend that the Award be raised to R500

11. Closing: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 21h55, there being no other business.

Chairman..... *A. J. Hart* 7/2/83

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 1983

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	R. c.	<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for July and August 1983, including freight	1158-47	Balance Brought Forward 1/7/83.	624-50
Cost of production of MNASSA, Novr. 1982 to April 1983	1209-34	<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Addressing and despatch of publications, July 1983 only	45-40	Arrears	2-50
Postage on publications and on A.G.M. Notices	157-42	Current	7778-42
Stationery and Printing	17-40	Advance	<u>60-50</u>
Postage, other than above	4-85	Entrance fees	72-50
Phonograms re arrangements for Annual General Meeting	10-22	Sales of M.N.A.S.S.A.	70-00
General Sales Tax on "Sky & Telescope", July & August 1983	54-96	Sales of MNASSA Summary Volume	68-00
Import Surcharge on above	39-80	Sales of Handbooks, 1983	435-00
Fire Insurance on Society property	20-20	Sales of spare Back Numbers of "Sky & Telescope"	6-55
Insurance of Society's Telescopes transferred to "Plusplan" A/c., July and August 1983	49-47	Commission paid and exchange gains	39-84
Bank charges	13-61		
Credit Balance at 5th Sept. 1983	876-67		
	<u>R.9157-31</u>		<u>R.9157-81</u>

R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society at an interest rate of 12%.

The balance in the "Plusplan" A/c at date is R7850-00.

The balance in the McIntyre Award A/c. is now R2946-63, of which R2000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society (R1000 at 12% and R1000 at 15%).

Ernest Cooper
HON. TREASURER.