

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1986 February 3 at 20h00 at SAAO
Cape Town

1. PRESENT

Mr C R G Turk, Vice-President, in the Chair. Professor A P Fairall, Professor Professor M W Feast, Dr T Lloyd-Evans, Miss P Booth, Messrs W C Bentley, J Bondietti, A D B Cameron, J Churms, R Hurly and F N G Orpen (Hon Treas).

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Professor Brian Warner, Dr I S Glass, Messrs W Neilson, J Spencer Jones and the Hon Secretary H E Krumm.

The minutes that follow were based on notes kindly taken by Mr R Hurly in the absence of the Hon Secretary.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting of Council held on 1985 November 18 at 20h00, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) PRINCIPALS AND ALTERNATES ON COUNCIL

The following is a complete list of Principals and their approved alternates for 1985-1986:-

Principals

Dr G N Nicolson (President)
Mr J Hers
Mr J J van Ellinckhuizen (Bloemfontein Centre)
Mr J P G Cramb (Natal Centre)
Mr C S Lake (Natal Midlands Centre)
Mr R Fleet (Harare Centre)
Mr J Wolterbeek (Pretoria Centre)
Mr M D Overbeek (Transvaal Centre)

Alternates

Mr R Hurly
Professor Brian Warner
Miss P Booth
Dr T H H Lloyd-Evans
Mr J Churms
Professor A P Fairall
Mr A D B Cameron
Mr W Neilson

Representative on Council for Cape Centre: Dr Peter Mack

NB. Principals were kindly requested to remind their Centres that the Hon Secretary should be informed of their respective representatives on Council by August 20 in terms of Article 10 of the Constitution.

Harare Centre

It was deduced from the contents of a letter from Mr R Fleet, Chairman and Representative on Council of the Harare Centre, that the Chairman of their Centre should automatically become their Representative on Council, for reasons peculiar to their situation.

Council could see no objection to the inclusion of a clause to this effect in their rules. Centre committees are empowered in terms of Rule 5 of STANDARD RULES FOR CENTRES to frame their own rules at any time provided that they do not conflict with the Constitution of the Society (see Art.12).

/Society's Finances

(ii) SOCIETY'S FINANCES

Increase in Subscription (Minute No.4(iii)(3))

Eight members of Council were in favour of an increase in the subscription and three were against. Council accepted this as their mandate to discuss the amount by which the subscription should be increased.

The meeting proposed that the annual subscription be increased from R45 to R50 (fifty rand) as from 1986 July 1. The proposal would be announced through the medium of M.N.A.S.S.A. three months before the effective date of the change.

It should be made clear that the increase has been kept to an absolute minimum and will only just cover the increase in costs.

Purchase of SKY AND TELESCOPE on an agency basis: Minute No.4(iii)3(a)

Agreed to inform SKY AND TELESCOPE that the Society would continue to purchase the magazine in terms of the present arrangement and not on an agency basis.

(iii) COMPUTING SECTION

There was nothing further to report.

5.FINANCE

(i) Financial Statement

The Hon Treasurer presented his Financial Statement, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It was proposed, seconded and confirmed that the statement be adopted.

(ii) McIntyre Award

It was agreed to increase the sum invested in the name of the McIntyre Award with the United Building Society on fixed deposit from R3000 to R4000.

6. NEW MEMBERS : Elected to the Society in terms of Art.5(1) of the Constitution.

MR J C BADENHORST	N P du Plessis Apteek, Postus 54, WOLMARANSSTAD 2630
MR N BAWA	Cor. Lawson and Wens Roads, CRAWFORD 7764
MR H M CLARKSON	21 Three Anchor House, Three Anchor Bay, CAPE TOWN 8001
MR J F FRASER	102A Maryvale Road, WESTVILLE, NATAL 3630
DR R E HAWKES	Private Bag X101, MOUNT EDGECOMBE 4300
MR W P HUNT	2 Contron Court, 57 Mons Road, BELLEVUE EAST, JBG., 2198
MR C D JONES	5 Berricdales, 6 Somme Road, DURBAN 4001
MR W H C JOOSTE	21 La Provence Street, BELLVILLE 7530
MR M A PERKS	P O Box 70197, DIE WILGERS, PRETORIA 0041
MR K J PIETERSEN	27 Arne Crescent, MONTCLAIRE, DURBAN 4001
MR F PRETORIUS	23 Nolene Street, Constantia Kloof, FLORIDA 1710
MNR M REDELINGHUYNS	Parkersingel 13, SALDANHA 7395
DR D A SCHOLTZ	Chopinstraat 50, VAN DER BIJL PARK 1900
MEJ R SLABBERT	Tiranweg 26, SUMMERSTRAND, PORT ELIZABETH 6001
MR B A WARD	The Dorchester, cor Twist and Goldreich Sts. HILLBROW 2038
MR C H ANDERSON	4 Thomas Bower, Marlborough Park, Bluff, DURBAN 4052
MR A B McCRAE	P O BOX 76197, WENDYWOOD, JOHANNESBURG 2144
MASTER C De WET	Mason House, Rondebosch B.N.S., Oakhurst Avenue, RONDEBOSCH 7700
MR C PENNY	14 Wargrave Road, KENILWORTH, CAPE 7700

/7. Correspondence

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) DR R.H. STOY: DONATION TO M.N.A.S.S.A.

The Business Manager had received a letter from Dr Stoy in Edinburgh expressing his admiration for the work being done by the Editors of M.N.A.S.S.A and for the general vigour of the Society. He enclosed a contribution of a R100 to the Journal as a mark of appreciation. The Hon. Secretary to thank Dr Stoy for his generosity and kind thoughts.

(ii) MR JOSE CAMPOS

In a letter dated 1986 January 21 Mr Campos had respectfully requested that:-

- (a) The S A A O be asked, if it were possible, to send him copies of IAU circulars containing information of comets brighter than the 12th magnitude for the benefit of the Comet and Meteor Section.
- (b) Due to the tremendous interest being shown in Comet Halley, he had been receiving numerous requests from members of the public wishing to join local Centres and in many instances the Society itself. It would, therefore, be appreciated if a batch of copies of the Prospectus and a number of application forms for membership could be sent to him.

He had been asked by the SAA manager for Natal to give a commentary on the plane during the five flights planned for Durban.

8. LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

Council reacted unfavourably to a query from a member regarding the institution of an additional class of membership of the Society, namely that of Life Member.

9. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANT-IN-AID - M.N.A.S.S.A. AND HANDBOOK

Application forms for a Government grant covering the period 1987/1988 had been received from the Department of Education and Culture Administration. It was agreed to proceed with the application for the grant in question. It was noted that the application forms, submitted in duplicate, should reach the office of the Department concerned not later than 1986 April 30.

10. NEXT MEETING

Agree to hold the next meeting of Council on 1986 April 21

11. CLOSING

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Date 1986 April 21

Chairman [Signature]

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 3rd.Febr., 1986

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>		<u>R. c.</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>R. c.</u>
Balance Brought Forward 1/7/1985		4436-48	"Sky & Telescope", including freight charges thereon, July to December 1985		7221-02
<u>Subscriptions.</u>			Cost of production of M.N.A.S.S.A., July to December		1633-30
Arrears	25-00		Despatch of publications, July to November 1985		191-01
Current	6462-50		Cost of production of Handbook for 1986		2576-00
Advance	62-50	6550-00	Postage on publications, July to November 1985		904-83
Levies on 1984/85 subscriptions		620-00	Stationery and Printing		67-99
Entrance Fees		305-00	Postage, other than above		56-91
Sales, of M.N.A.S.S.A.		1567-36	Import Surcharge on "Sky & Telescope", October to December 1985		372-98
Sale of Handbooks for previous years		15-00	G.S.T. on "Sky & Telescope", July to December 1986		1089-02
Sale of Handbooks 1986		449-30	Fire Insurance premium		50-50
Sale of back nos. and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"		42-20	Bank charges		118-78
Donations		275-00	Credit Balance at 3/2/1986		2323-41
Interest on Fixed Deposits		110-83			
Interest on Current Account		54-36			
Interest from 32 days notice A/c		179-72			
Transferred from 32 Days notice A/c		2000-00			
Commission		0-50			
		<u>R16605-75</u>			<u>R16605-75</u>

The Credit Balance shown consists of R1863-70 in the Current A/c at the Standard Bank, Kenilworth and R459-71 in the "Plusplan" A/c. The amount in the 32 days notice A/c is now R5416-81, R2000-00 having been withdrawn as shown above and the interest having been credited to the Current A/c. as also shown above.

There is also an amount of R1.000-00 on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R4.016--00, of which R3.000-00 is also on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society

Garrett Omphe
HON. TREASURER.