

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1986 June 23 at 20h00 at SAAO
Cape Town

1. PRESENT

Mr.C.R.G.Turk, Vice-President, in the Chair, Professor A.P.Fairall, Dr.Peter Mack, Miss P.Booth, Messrs A.D.B.Cameron, J.Churms, F.N.G. Orpen(Hon.Treas.), J.Spencer Jones and the Hon.Secretary H.E.Krumm.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Professor M.W.Feast, Professor Brian Warner, Dr.I.S.Glass, Dr.T.H.H.Lloyd-Evans, Messrs W.C.Bentley, J.Bondietti and Mr.R.Hurly.

3. RESIGNATION

Mr.W.Neilson resigned as an alternate on Council.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of previous Council Meeting held on 1986 April 21 at 20h00, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read. Their adoption was proposed by Professor A.P.Fairall and seconded by Dr.Peter Mack. Confirmed and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE ADMINISTRATION: GRANT-IN-AID
Min.No.4(iii): An amount of R300 had been received. A letter of thanks had been sent to the Department concerned.

(ii) PROSPETUS
Min.No.7(ii): Mr.J.Spencer Jones kindly agreed to supply copies of the pamphlett as required.

(iii) SOCIETY LETTER-HEADS
Min.No.7(iii): Thanks to the good offices of Mr.C.R.G.Turk, Quickprint (Pty) Ltd.,Cape Town, had supplied the Society with 500 sheets plain and 500 bearing the Hon. Secretary's address and phone number, all free-of-charge. Agreed to send a letter of thanks to Quickprint for this very generous gesture.

(iv) ENVELOPES FOR THE DESPATCH OF MNASSA AND SKY AND TELESCOPE
Min.No.7(iv): As Mr.R.Hurly was not present at the meeting, this matter was held over to the next meeting of Council for his report.

(v) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1986
Min.No.7(v)

VENUE

Council was advised by the Hon. Secretary of the Transvaal Centre, Mr.G.C.Jacobs, that the 1986 Annual General Meeting of the Society would be held in the Sir Herbert Baker Building, 18A Gill Street, Observatory,Johannesburg on 1986 July 23.

/MEMBERS OF COUNCIL - NOMINATIONS

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As only sufficient nominations had been received to fill positions on the new Council it was agreed that the following names be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for election:-

President	:	Mr.C.R.G.Turk
Vice-Presidents	:	Dr.G.D.Nicolson Mr.J.H.Spencer Jones Mr.J.P.G.Cramb
Members	:	Professor M.W.Feast Dr.T.H.H.Lloyd-Evans Mr.J.J.van Ellinckhuizen Mr.J.A.da Silva Campos
Hon.Secretary	:	Mr.H.E.Krumm
Hon.Treasurer	:	Mr.F.N.G.Orpen
Business Manager	:	Vacant

Although Mr.W.C.Bentley had not informed Council officially of his intention to resign as Business Manager, it was evident that he would do so due to his state of health. The appointment of a successor was held over to the next meeting of Council.

6. FINANCE

(a) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statement, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The statement reflects the position of the Society at the close of the 1985/1986 financial year. Its adoption was proposed by Professor A.P.Fairall and seconded by Mr.A.D.B. Cameron. All in favour.

(b) IMPORT SURCHARGE

It was decided to discuss the question of the levy of the Import Surcharge with the Department of Customs.

7. NEW MEMBERS

The following persons were elected members of the Society in terms of Article 5(1) of the Constitution:-

MR.M.N.BOTHMA	35 Ellenberger Street, Wilgehof, BLOEMFONTEIN	9322
Mr.E.R.BURNETT	P.O.Box 302, GEORGE	6530
MRS.H.HOMER	20 Selkirk Road, Parkview, JOHANNESBURG	2193
MR.W.F.WENTZEL	Posbus 234, OGIES	2230

8. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY: DR.G.HEYMANN

Council proceeded to discuss a written suggestion from Professor M.W. Feast that Dr.G.Heymann, Deputy President of C.S.I.R. be elected an Honorary Member. In giving reasons for his suggestion, Dr.Feast stated that Dr. Heymann had the overall responsibility for astronomy at the national level and was a very good friend indeed of astronomy in this country (including S.A.A.O.).

After giving the matter due consideration, it was proposed by Professor A.P.Fairall and seconded by Mr.J.Churms that Dr.G.Heymann be elected an Honorary Member of the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa. All in favour. Dr.Heymann to be suitably informed. He would receive MNASSA and the Handbook.

9. GENERAL

(i) CEDERBERG OBSERVATORY: ROYALTY ON SALE OF BOOK

Dr. Peter Mack informed Council that 244 copies of the Cederberg

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Observatory book "Halley's Comet-A Daily Guide For Southern Africa" had been sold direct to members of the Society. A cheque for R244 was received from him in the name of the Cederberg Observatory in respect of royalties accruing from the sale of these books. The actual loyalty received from the publishers was R0,39c per copy. He was able, however, to increase this to R1,00 per copy on the books sold direct to members. This gesture was noted with appreciation and Dr. Mack was heartily thanked for his thoughtfulness and generosity.

(ii) HALLEY'S COMET: SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUE

Sets of 10x12c stamps (printed on one sheet) and commemorative envelopes were issued by the Ciskei Postal Authorities on 1986 March 20. They proved to be a great success and were soon sold out. They are, therefore, no longer available except from private individuals and dealers at inflated prices.

(iii) HONORARY MEMBERS

It was decided that the list of Honorary Members should be checked and brought up-to-date. It was desirable that the Hon. Secretary should be in possession of an abridged curriculum vitae of each member.

(iv) INSURANCE

It was agreed that the schedule attached to the insurance policy covering the Society's telescopes should be scrutinised as it might require revising.

(v) MNASSA: PRESENTATION TO UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Agreed to provide the Astronomy Department of the University of Cape Town with one copy of MNASSA per edition free-of-charge for services rendered, such as typing etc.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council to be held on either 1986 September 8 or 15, depending on circumstances.

11. CLOSING

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

DATE. 1986 Sept 15

CHAIRMAN. G. S. Turb

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 23rd. JUNE 1986.

RECEIPTS

EXPENDITURE.

	R. c.		R. c.
Balance Brought Forward	4436-48	"Sky & Telescope", including freight charges thereon, July 1985 to May 1986	11321-12
<u>Subscriptions.</u>		Cost of production of MNASSA, July 1985 to April 1986	2751-20
Arrears.	25-00	Cost of production of Handbook for 1986	2576-00
Current	7135-00	Despatch of publications, July 1985 to April 1986	370-32
Advance	5357-50	Postage on publications, July 1985 to April 1986	1955-53
Levies on 1984/85 subscriptions	630-00	Stationery and printing.	61-55
Entrance Fees	595-00	Postage other than above	78-72
Sales of M.N.A.S.S.A.	2282-88	Import surcharge on "Sky & Telescope", October 1985 to April ^{May} 1986.	886-50
Sales of Handbooks for previous years	15-00	G.S.T. on "Sky & Telescope", July 1985 to May 1986	1829-16
Sales of Handbooks 1986	864-29	Fire insurance premium	50-50
Sales of back nos. and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	42-20	Bank charges	174-65
Sale of "Comets in the old Cape Records"	1-50	Credit Balance at 23/6/1986	6759-30
Sales of "Halley's Comet, a daily guide for Southern Africa"	244-00		
Donations	408-00		
Advertisements in M.N.A.S.S.A.	140-50		
<i>Interest on Fixed Deposits</i>	224-17		
Interest on Current Account	77-31		
Interest from 32 days' notice A/c.	179-72		
Transferred from 32 days' " " "	6000-00		
Subsidy from Dept. of Education	3000-00		
Commission	1-00		
	<u>R.28959-55</u>		<u>R.28959-55</u>

The balance shown consists of R159-71 in the Plusplan Account and R6599-59 in the Current Account with the Standard Bank, Kenilworth. The balance in the Current Account would have been reduced, had it been expected that over R5000 in advance subscriptions would be received during June. Steps will be taken to invest whatever is not immediately needed to better advantage before the end of June.

At present there is R2416-81, plus accrued interest in the "32 Days' Notice A/c"; but R2000-00 is under notice to be withdrawn on this date.

The Balance of the McIntyre Award Account is now R4380-82 of which R3000-00 is on fixed deposit with the United Building Society, and a further R1000-00 will be placed on Fixed Deposit shortly.

The Society also has R1000-00 on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.

Garrett O'Farrell
HON. TREASURER.