

# ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1988 September 26 at 20h00 at S.A.A.O.  
Cape Town

## 1. PRESENT

Mr J H Spencer Jones, Vice-President, in the Chair. Professor Brian Warner, Dr T H H Lloyd Evans, Miss P Booth, Mrs A Joubert, Mrs E Olsen (Hon. Treas.) Messrs Peter Briton, A D B Cameron, Rupert Hurly, H L N Scoble and the Hon. Secretary H E Krumm.

## 2. APOLOGIES

ApoLogies for absence were received from Professor A P Fairall, Dr I S Glass, Messrs J Bondietti, J Churms and W L Combrinck.

## 3. PRINCIPALS AND ALTERNATES ON COUNCIL

### PRINCIPAL

Mr J P G Cramb (President)  
Mr Jose' A da Silva Campos (Vice-President)  
Mr M D Overbeek  
Professor W F Wargau  
Mr H van der Walt (Bloemfontein Centre)  
Mrs Audrey Joubert (Cape Centre)  
Mr R Fleet (Harare Centre)  
Mr J Campanini (Natal Centre)  
Mr J W Watson (Natal Midlands Centre)  
Mr M Haslam (Pretoria Centre)  
To be appointed (Transvaal Centre)

### ALTERNATE

Mr Peter Briton  
Mr C F G Turk  
Professor Brian Warner  
To be appointed  
Mr H L N Scoble  
Attends Council Meetings  
Miss Pat Booth  
Mrs R Scoble  
Mr J Churms  
Mr A D B Cameron  
Mr R Hurly

### NOTES

Professor A P Fairall was finding it increasingly difficult to attend Council meetings due to his professional commitments both here and overseas and requested that he be dropped as the alternate for the Harare Centre. He was however willing to carry out any specific requests which Council may direct to him. Noted with appreciation.

Mr J Bondietti was likewise finding it difficult to attend meetings of Council as the nature of his business commitments often took him away from Cape Town. His willingness to continue with the duplicating and despatch of Minutes of Council was noted with appreciation.

Professor W F Wargau. An alternate for Professor Wargau on Council would be appointed from the ranks of the Cape Centre.

## 4. MINUTES

Minutes of previous Council Meeting held 1988 June 20 at 20h00 at S.A.A.O., copies which had been circulated, were taken as read. After the date of Mr A Morrisby's death had been corrected to read 16 April 1988, it was proposed by Mr H L N Scoble and seconded by Mrs A Joubert that they be accepted as a reliable record of the proceedings. Agreed, confirmed and signed.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### (1) GILL MEDAL AWARD: PROFESSOR DAVID EVANS

It was noted with appreciation that Dr I S Glass had presented Professor David Evans with the Gill Medal at the Baltimore Meeting of the A.I.U.

(ii) BRICKETT LEGACY - SUBSIDISATION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS Min No 9

Miss F Tucker thanked Council for their consideration in offering her a subsidised annual subscription rate but went on to re-affirm her decision to withdraw as a member of the Society. Should she at some stage be in a position to play an active role in the Society, she would be delighted to be reconsidered for membership.

Mrs L E Smallie thanked Council for having made it possible for her to retain her membership of the Society by reducing her subscription from R60 to R40 per annum.

6. FINANCE

The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs E Olsen, presented her Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 1988 September 20, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. It was proposed by Mrs A Joubert and seconded by Mr R Hurly that the Statement be adopted. All in favour.

After the Financial Committee had given an analysis of the Financial Statement, they submitted the following summary of the location of funds:-

32-Day Account (ASSA Funds), Standard Bank.....	R13000,00
Current Account.....Standard Bank.....	R4927,51
Cheques received;not banked to date.....	R190,00

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R18117,51

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The total 32-Day Account is made as follows:-

ASSA Funds.....	R13000,00
Brickett Bequest.....	R2000,00
Interest etc.....	R500,00

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R15500,00

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Funds Invested:-

United Building Society - Deposits.....	R3000
McIntyre Award.....	R4000

Subscriptions outstanding 109

According to the Constitution any member whose subscription remains unpaid by September 30 shall be suspended until the subscription is paid. A member whose subscription is not paid by December 31 ceases to be a member of the Society.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Hon. Treasurer and Mr H L N Scoble for their efforts.

7. SUBSIDISATION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that an elderly and well-known Cape member of the Society of 31 years standing, Miss C C van Ellinckhuizen, was no longer in a position to meet her commitments to the Society. After taking all these factors into consideration, Council unanimously agreed to inform Miss van Ellinckhuizen that her subscription would be reduced to R30 per annum forthwith and in perpetuity.

8. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION. (Min.4(1). Council meeting 1988-4-11)

60 replies were received from members of the Society; 58 were positive and 2 negative. Council therefore agreed that the Constitution be amended according to the proposed changes and additions.

9. REPRINTING OF CONSTITUTION

Authority was granted to the reprinting of the Constitution containing the amendments and inclusions. Agreed to print 500 copies.

10. NEW MEMBERS

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

MR A. BEESHAM Dept. of Mathematics & Applied Mathematics, University of Durban-Westville, Private Bag X54001, Durban 4000  
Mr J.J. BOTHA 23 Leiden Street, Bloemfontein 9301  
MR W.A. BREMER 9 Wakefield Road, Rondebosch 7700  
MRS M.C. COETZEE 39 Summit Road, Beacon Bay 5241  
MR J. CRONJE P.O.Box 31, Saldanha 7395  
MR S. CUNNINGHAM 101 Stoffel Nel Street, Heilbron 9650  
MR J.W. CURRAN 89 Coedmore Avenue, Yellowwood Park, Durban 4001  
MS A. DE SWART 66 St Johns Road, Houghton 2198  
MR F. DIAMOND 24 Limpopo Avenue, Virginia, O.F.S. 9430  
MR P. GOLDSCHAGG 15 Amatola, Montpark Drive, Montgomery Park, Jhb. 2195  
MR R. GOUWS 2 Glenfauna, van Riebeeck Park, Kempton Park 1619  
MR A. GOVENDER 7-43rd Avenue, Umhlatuzana, Durban 4093  
MR J.P. HOWARD P.O.Box 331, Francistown, Botswana  
MR J. HUBER Suite 1, Medical Centre, 331 Burger St., Pietermaritzburg 3201  
MR N.A.J. JOUBERT 13 Mount David, Laburnum St., Amalinda, East London 5247  
MR M.C. MARSHBANK 4 Oakridge Close, Oakridge 7945  
MRS V. PIETERS Vocational Services, P.O.Box 393, Pretoria 0001  
MISS L.E. STONE 17 La Quellerie, Pres. Paul Kruger Ave., Bloemfontein 9301  
MR R.L. SNYMAN P.O.Box 1520, Klerksdorp 2570  
MR P.W.M. SWART Tweefontein Colliery, P.O.Coalville 2235  
MR W.G. THIEL P.O.Box 875, Klerksdorp 2570  
DR T. & MRS J.H. WALRAVEN P.O.Box 98, Cornelia, O.F.S. 9850  
MR K.A. WEBSTER Eurica, P.O.Kommadagga 5800  
MR K.N. WILSON Tweefontein Colliery, P.O.Coalville 2235

11. FORBES REQUEST

There were only two entries. The one came from a senior pupil who was the winner of last years first prize, Francis Bryan, and the other from a pupil in the junior category. It was decided not to award any prizes at the moment. A decision would be taken at a later stage.

12. YOUTH LEADERSHIP ENRICHMENT SEMINAR 1988

The Seminar had been arranged by the Rotary Club of Table Bay and was being held on 26,27 and 28 September. Mr Lance Scoble had made the arrangements and Mr Peter Briton had given a talk on astronomy. Noted interest and appreciation.

13. HONORARY TREASURER

Mrs Elizabeth Olsen gave notice in advance of her attention to resign as Hon. Treasurer at the end of the current financial year.

14. NEXT MEETING: Next meeting would be held in November. Date to be arranged.

15. CLOSING: There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 22h15.

DATE. 28/11/1988.

CHAIRMAN. *J.P.G. Cronm*

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## STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE AT 20TH SEPTEMBER 1988

### INCOME

SUBSCRIPTIONS	88/89	20 409.81	
	89/90	<u>60.00</u>	20 469.81
DONATIONS to Asset			1 125.00
ENTRANCE FEES			214.00
INTEREST REC'D	PLUS PLAN	.27	
	BANK	14.25	
	SYFRETS	45.30	
	UBS	<u>207.91</u>	267.73
General Receipts			
	Refund Postage, South'n Astron.		23.25
	Cape Centre Disc		1.00
	Donation, Postage		4.50
	Sky & Tel Back numbers		5.00
SALES: MNASSA 1988			330.45
	MNASSA 1989 prepayments		93.77

TOTAL INCOME TO DATE:	R22 612.51
B/FORWARD FROM 1987/88	100.72
	<u>R22 713.23</u>

### EXPENDITURE

ASSET donations transferred	1 020.00
BANK CHARGES	60.65
AFRIC MAIL ADD:	
POSTAGE Mnassa Jul/Aug	75.30
POSTAGE Sky & Tel July	185.80
Distr Mnassa (combined)	-
Distr Sky & Tel	54.34
PRINTING & STAT: PLASLOPE, balance	35.00
" " Mnassa Invoice forms	123.34
" " Mnassa letterheads	95.00
" " Mnassa, add lists & distr. accounts	84.01
PHOTOCOPIES: Renewal Notices	50.00
SKY & TELESCOPE: July 1988	2 147.10
SPACE CLEARING: Clearing	206.44
	Import Surcharge
	GST
	163.68
SUNDRIES: Engrave Gill Medal	20.30
TRANSFER MC INTYRE INTEREST:	
	1987/88 115.76
	.88/89 <u>45.30</u>
	161.06

TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE:	R4 595.72
Carried forward:	18 117.51
	<u>R22 713.23</u>