

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1989 February 13 at 20h00 at S A A O.  
Cape Town

1. PRESENT

Dr I S Glass (Vice-President) in the Chair.

Dr T H Lloyd Evans, Miss P Booth, Mrs A Joubert, Mrs E Olsen, Mrs Anne Strauss, Messrs Peter Briton, A D B Cameron, J Churms, R Hurly, M G Soltynski, J H Spencer Jones, C R G Turk and the Hon Secretary H E Krumm.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Professor Brian Warner.

Mr M G Soltynski's absence was noted with regret but, unfortunately, he was not informed of the date on which the meeting was to be held. To avoid any ambiguity it should be stated that the meeting referred to was the one held on 1988 November 28.

3. WELCOME TO MRS ANNE STRAUSS

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Mrs Strauss who had recently moved from the Natal Midlands to Cape Town. ( See Minute No.4 below ) .

4. PRINCIPALS AND ALTERNATES (See Minute No.3, Council Meeting 1988 September 26)

It will be noted that there have been several changes

PRINCIPAL

Professor W F Wargau (elected Member of Council)  
Mr J W Watson (Natal Midlands Centre)  
Mr J Campanini (Natal Centre)  
Mr B Fraser (Transvaal Centre)

ALTERNATE

Mr M G Soltynski  
Mrs A Strauss  
Mr J Churms  
Mr R Hurly

5. MINUTES

Minutes of previous Council meeting held on 1988 November 28, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read. It was proposed by Mr J H Spencer Jones and seconded by Mr R Hurly that they be adopted as a reliable record of the proceedings. Confirmed and signed.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

FORBES BEQUEST : PRIZES Minute No.6 : Senior Section)

Francis Bryan had decided to accept Council's offer of the R50 cash Prize

MEMBERSHIP AND LETTERS OF RESIGNATION (Minute No.7 (iv)

There was nothing to report except that Miss C C van Ellinckhuizen had decided to resign. (Minute No.7 of Council Meeting 1988 September 26)

ZUO TIME SIGNALS (Minute No 10)

In a letter dated 1989 February 3 Mr M D Overbeek reported that there had been no further developments and that observers had to resort to pre-1951 timing procedures. In the light of this most unsatisfactory report Council agreed to inform the Telecommunications Division of the GPO of their concern at the suspension of the ZUO time signals and the uncertainty surrounding the re-introduction of a time service in the near future similar to that of ZUO. Relevant facts regarding the importance of an adequate time service

were to be given.

It was agreed to suggest to Mr M D Overbeek that he might care to inform Washington and Japan of the position.

NEW MEMBERSHIP FORMS (Minute No.12)

The Membership Secretary, Mrs A Joubert, submitted a draft of the new membership form as revised by her committee. After a brief discussion Council agreed to accept the new form subject to a few modifications. The final draft would be submitted to the next meeting of Council for confirmation.

Arising out of the discussion it was decided that a copy of the Prospectus should be attached to the membership form sent to persons applying for membership of the Society.

7. RESIGNATIONS AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

- (1) Mr W L Combrinck as Business Manager with immediate effect
- (2) Mr R Hurly as Editor of Yearly Handbook with immediate effect
- (3) Mrs E Olsen as Hon Treasurer with effect from 1989 June 30

(1) Mr W L Combrinck

Mr Combrinck left the SAAO and has joined the Radio Astronomy Observatory in the Transvaal. Council passed a hearty vote of thanks to him for his work as Business Manager of the Society.

The appointment of a successor was left in abeyance.

(2) Mr Rupert Hurly

Mr Hurly intimated that he wished to be relieved of the office of Editor of the Yearly Handbook and that he would be happy to hand over his duties to his successor. Council extended its grateful thanks to Mr Hurly for having produced this very useful publication with distinction for the past 14 years. (Applause). It was a daunting and time absorbing task requiring considerable attention to detail. The Society was indeed fortunate in having a person of Mr Hurly's calibre and who was prepared to bring his knowledge and sense of dedication to bear on the preparation of a publication which served the needs not only of members of the Society but also of the general public.

Arising from the discussion on the future of the Handbook it was decided to react to letters received from Mr Brian Fraser and Mr M D Overbeek of the Transvaal Centre. Judging from the contents of these letters, especially that from Mr Fraser, it would seem that the Transvaal Centre possessed the necessary expertise to undertake the publication of the Handbook. Before taking the matter any further at this stage it was decided to obtain Mr Fraser's reaction to a letter from Mr Hurly in which he would describe the complications involved in its preparation.

(3) Mrs Elizabeth Olsen

It is recorded with regret that Mrs Olsen had decided to resign as Hon Treasurer at the end of the current financial year. We shall miss her when she lays down her reins of office on 30th June.

Council agreed that as its meetings were held at the Cape the present domicile of the Hon Treasurer should be retained. As no proposals were forthcoming it was decided to circularise members of the Society living at the Cape calling for volunteers to fill the vacancy and who would be prepared to attend Council meetings. The circular would be drawn up by Mrs Olsen and distributed with the next issue of S&T.

(4) Mr J Bondiotti : Duplicating and Despatch of Minutes of Council Meetings

Mr Bondiotti informed the Hon Secretary that he was no longer in a position to duplicate and despatch minutes of Council meetings as the

facilities were no longer available to him. Mr Bondietti was to be sent a letter of appreciation for having rendered such a praiseworthy service to Council for so many years. He resigned from the Society at the end of December 1988 for personal reasons.

8. FINANCE

The Hon. Treasurer presented her statement of income and expenditure as at 1989 January 31, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Mr C R G Turk and seconded by Mr M G Soltynski that statement be accepted. All in favour with a warm vote of thanks to Mrs E Olsen.

In a separate statement the Hon. Treasurer showed that:-

Total Balance 32-Day Account stood at R15 945,97 on 1988 December 31  
Capital invested: UBS Fixed Deposit : ASSA R3000  
Capital invested: UBS Mcintyre Award R4000

The Membership Secretary, Mrs A Joubert reported that 454 members had paid their subscriptions, 38 had been suspended and that there were 8 new members.

9. NEW MEMBERS

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

MR R BARBOUR	12 3rd. Avenue, Ashley, Pinetown 3610
MR R BATTISTUZZI	13 Milner Road, Muizenberg 7951
MR B S CARTER	S.A.A.O., P.O.Box 9, Observatory 7935
MR G B DUNKEL	P.O.Box 1171, Swakopmund, SWA/Namibia 9000
MR J C DE VILLIERS	3 Seaways, 15 Blaauwberg Road, Bloubaerg 7443
MR J M EGAN	34 Bodley Street, Kimberley 8301
MR I MACDOUGALL	P.O.Box 72338, Lynnwoodridge, Pretoria 0040
MR W G F VAN DER HEIDEN	P.O.Box 668, Windhoek 9000

10. DAMAGE TO SKY AND TELESCOPE

Council took note of a complaint submitted by Mr M G Soltynski to the effect that SKY & TELESCOPE was being damaged due to the practice of inserting MNASSA and the Handbook immediately after the front cover. It was agreed to request ASA to discontinue this practice and rather to place them between centre pages of this magazine.

11. ASSET

The Secretary, Mr C R G Turk, reported that the invested capital of the A S S A Endowment Trust stood at R6386 and the undistributed reserve at R3500.

12. CLOSING

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 22h30.

Date.....24.4.1989

Chairmen. I. S. Glass

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE AT 31ST JANUARY 1989  
 ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

INCOME

SUBSCRIPTIONS	88/89	25 732.81	
	89/90	<u>195.00</u>	25 927.81
DONATIONS TO ASSET			
			1 210.00
ENTRANCE FEES			
			424.00
INTEREST REC'D			
	Plusplan	.27	
	Bank	66.63	
	Syfrets	90.64	
	UBS	<u>297.91</u>	455.45
GENERAL RECEIPTS			
	Advert in Mnassa	19.80	
	Refund postage	23.25	
	Cape Centre Disc	1.00	
	Donation	80.00	
	S & Tel Back numbers	7.00	
	Sale scrap paper	<u>3.00</u>	138.55
DEPT EDUCATION GRANT 88/89			400.00
SA LES:			
	MNASSA 1988	668.30	
	MNASSA 1989	622.67	
	HANDBOOK 1988	373.00	
	HANDBOOK 1989 to date	40.00	
TOTAL INCOME:			R30 259.78
Brought fowd from 1987/88			100.72
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EXPENDITURE

ASSET donations transferred	1 185.00
BANK CHARGES	155.85
AFRIC MAIL ADD:	
Postage: MNASSA Jul/Dec	235.10
Postage: SKY & TEL Jul/Dec	1 047.42
Distr. : MNASSA Jul/Dec	28.69
Distr : SKY & TEL Jul/Dec	242.16
Distr : late payment letters	9.66
PRINTING & STAT: MNASSA invoice forms	
	123.14
	MNASSA letterheads
	95.20
	MNASSA add list & lates
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	Plaslope, bal of envs
	35.00
	Paper, cards
	19.70
	Receipt books
	29.40
	Computer ribbons
	33.60
	41.76
POSTAGE general	
	41.76
PRIZES: S Chaplin R10 F BryanR50	
	60.00
SUNDRIES: MNASSA add list & lates	
	84.01
	Engrave Gill Medal
	11.20
	Parking Ticket
	20.00
	Telephone calls, Langebaan
	23.36
	MNASSA 1 set copy invoices SAAO
	17.50
	1989 renewal notices SAAO
	50.00
	Refund MacDougall over sub
	20.00
	Purchase back numbers S & T
	10.00
SKY & TELESCOPE: July - December	
	6 079.49
SPACE CLEARING: July/Nov Clearing	
	1 051.98
	" Import Surch.
	1 034.30
	" GST
	976.04
UCT: Printing MNASSA Jul/Dec	
	3 038.00
TRANSFER, MCINTYRE 115.76, 45.30	
	161.06
SUBSCRIPTION A S & T S	
	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	
	R15 968.62
CARRIED FORWARD:	
	<u>14 391.88</u>
	R30 360.50
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