

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1989 June 5 at 20h00 at S A A O

Cape Town

1. PRESENT

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

Dr T T H Lloyd Evans, Miss P Booth, Mrs Audrey Joubert, Mrs Elizabeth Olsen, Hon. Treasurer), Mrs Ann Strauss, Messrs Peter Briton, A D B Cameron, J Churms, L Scoble, M G Soltynski, C R G Turk and the Hon. Secretary H E Krumm.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Rupert Hurly and Mr J H Spencer Jones.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of previous Council Meeting held on 1989 April 24, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read. It was proposed by Mr M Soltynski and seconded by Mrs Audrey Joubert that they be accepted as a reliable record of the proceedings. Confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

HONORARY TREASURER : Minute No.4(ii)

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Davy Duprez be nominated as the new Hon. Treasurer of the Society as from 1989 July 1. In the event of his being elected as such at the Annual General Meeting, it was agreed that he be authorised to operate the Society's Banking Account in place of Mrs E Olsen who was retiring.

5. OFFICE OF BUSINESS MANAGER AND MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

No proposals were forthcoming to fill the vacant office of Business Manager. It was agreed to place a notice in the Cape Observer calling for volunteers to fill the vacancy.

With regard to the matters arising it was agreed that:-

- (1) The office of Business Manager be kept separate from that of the Hon. Treasurer.
- (2) As subscriptions to MNASSA covered a calendar year, renewal notices should be sent out with the September/October issue of the journal
- (3) Subscribers be informed of the availability of back numbers of MNASSA.

6. FINANCE (See minute No.9)

The retiring Hon. Treasurer, Mrs Elizabeth Olsen, presented her financial statement dated 1989 June 5. A copy of the statement is attached to these minutes for your information and enlightenment. After a discussion it was agreed that the statement be accepted as a reliable presentation of the Society's finances.

Mrs Olsen was heartily thanked for the expert manner in which she handled the Society's finances during her term of office and the amount of time that she must have spent on the preparation of the various statements.

During the month of May Council was informed that the cost of SKY AND TELESCOPE to the Society would be increased by 20% as from the July 1989 issue, in other words by R8 per annum per member. It, therefore, became clear that the annual subscription would have to be increased. the position would be further

aggravated by the weakness of the rand, an increase in import surcharge, General Sales Tax, inflation etc. Apart from the increase in the subscription other sources of revenue which might be available to the Society would have to be investigated.

After a long discussion Council agreed to implement the following resolutions:-

- (1) That the funds invested in the McIntyre Award (R4000), Brickett Bequest (R2000), Forbes Bequest (R250) and the R3000 invested with United Building Society be combined into one global sum and that the total interest accrued be used to strengthen the overall financial position of the Society. The McIntyre Award and the Brickett and Forbes Bequests would not lose their identity and would be administered as in the past.
- (2) That members, when renewing their subscriptions for 1989/1990 be asked to add a levy of R10 to the present subscription of R60.
- (3) That the subscription be raised from R60 to R75 per annum from 1989 October 1. Members whose subscriptions remain unpaid at September 30 would be liable for the new subscription of R75.

Mr C R G Turk would draw up a suitable worded subscription-notice which would be attached to the next issue of MNASSA.

Mr M D Overbeek was thanked for his interest in the financial affairs of the Society.

It was agreed to publicize the names of persons who made donations to the ASSA Endowment Trust (ASSET).

7. NEW MEMBERS

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

MR M L GRIEVE 600 Rudi Neitz Street, Vorna Valley, Midrand. 1686
MR C L WEXNER 3 St Patricks Road, Sea Point. 8001

8. LONG SERVICE AWARD (see minute No 4 (1))

It was proposed by Mr C R G Turk and seconded by Mr A D B Cameron that Mr Rupert Hurly should be presented with the Long Service Award in recognition of his many years of invaluable service to the Society.
Unanimous.

Mr Hurly edited the Yearly Handbook with distinction for 14 years.

9. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND OFFICE BEARERS 1989-1990

The following nominations had been received to date:-

President:	Dr I S Glass	
Vice-Presidents:	Mr P Cramb	
	Mr J da Silva Campos	
	Dr T H H Lloyd Evans	
Members of Council:	Mr B Fraser	
	Mr M D Overbeek	
	Mr M Soltynski	
	Professor W F Wargau	
Hon. Secretary:	Mr H E Krumm	
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr D Duprez	Business Manager: Vacant

If further nominations are received before June 15 it might be necessary to arrange a ballot at the AGM.

10. CLOSING

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 21h45

Date.....

Chairman.....

18 Oct 89
15.9

I. S. Glass

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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1989 June 10

Dear Council Member

FINANCE

Herewith the action taken by Council at its meeting held on 1989 June 5 to stabilise the financial position of the Society through 1989/1990. What follows should be read in conjunction with the minutes of Council meeting held on 1989 April 24 together with the attached documents.

INVESTMENTS

Acting on a proposal by Mr C R G Turk it was decided to combine the McIntyre Award, Forbes Bequest, Bricket Bequest and the fixed deposit with United Building Society into one global fund and to use the interest accrued to help stabilise the financial position of the Society. The Awards will not lose their identity.

The 32-day account and the current account will continue to operate jointly as in the past.

It is confidently expected that the above arrangement will lend itself to the production of a more digestible statement of the Society's finances.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

In the absence of an increase in the subscription it was agreed that it would be necessary to add a levy of R10 to the present subscription of R60 if the Society were to be saved from financial strangulation.

Persons joining the Society after 1989 October 1 will be required to pay a revised subscription of R75 per annum.

Regards

H E Krumm
Hon Secretary

