

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1991 February 4 at 20h00 at S.A.A.O.  
Cape Town

1. PRESENT

Dr I.S.Glass, Vice-President, in the Chair.  
Miss P.Booth, Mrs A.Joubert, Mrs A.Strauss, Mrs E.Willis, Messrs P.Briton,  
A.D.B.Cameron, J.Churms, D.Duprez (Hon.Treasurer), R.Hurly and the Hon.  
Secretary H.E.Krumm.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Professor Brian Warner, Dr T.  
Lloyd Evans, Messrs J.Bondietti and M.G.Soltynski.

3. PRINCIPALS AND ALTERNATES

PRINCIPAL: It was noted that Mr K.Wade-Lehman had been appointed the Natal  
Centre's Representative on Council. It is suggested that his  
name be inserted in the previous Minutes of Council.

ALTERNATE: Mr.J.Churms agreed to act as MR.A.Hilton's alternate on Council.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting of Council held on 1990 November 26, copies of  
which had been circulated, were taken as read. It was proposed and seconded  
that be accepted as a reliable record of the proceedings. Confirmed and  
signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) MACLEAR'S BOTTLE; PLAQUES. Minute No.6(ii)

It was doubtless important that the text of the letter intended for  
Mr.George Hofmeyr, Director of the National Monuments Council, should  
be correctly worded. Mainly with this in mind, the Hon.Secretary  
discussed the matter of the plaques with him over the telephone. He  
expressed the opinion that the achievements of de la Caille and  
Maclear were of scientific and historical importance and should be  
commemorated in the manner suggested by Council. He requested that  
the wording on the plaques be drawn up by the sub-committee and  
submitted to him as soon as possible.

(ii) NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ASTRONOMY: Minute No.6(iii)

As little or no progress had been made and time was running out, it  
was agreed to postpone the Symposium to 1992. It was recognised that  
the event as originally envisaged was perhaps just a little too  
involved and that consideration should now be given to a project of  
more manageable proportions. Mrs.E.Willis strongly advised that the  
programme should first be compiled before proceeding with the  
arrangements.

Arising out of a long discussion it is felt that the following  
proposals are worth recording as a start:-

- (1) The event should cater essentially for amateur astronomers.
- (2) That it be held at the South African Museum.
- (3) That it be held over a period of 2-3 days, possibly 3.
- (4) A visit to Sutherland might be considered.
- (5) Suggest to the Cape Centre that Council collaborate with them  
when arranging their 1992 Astronomy Week. That they be asked

to discuss the matter among themselves and that they inform Dr.I.S.Glass of their reaction to the suggestion as he was prepared to approach professional astronomers to take part in the proceedings.

6. FINANCE

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr D.Duprez, presented his statement of Income and Expenditure for the period 1990 July to 1991 January, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. After a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Duprez for his hard work, it was proposed by Mr.R.Hurly and seconded by Mrs.A.Strauss that the statement be adopted. All in favour.

The Hon.Treasurer pointed out that the present financial position was similar to that which existed at this time last year.

7. HONORARIA

The sub-committee consisting of Dr.T.Lloyd Evans, Mrssrs A.Cameron and R.Hurly would meet shortly to discuss the matter.

8. NEW MEMBERS

After due consideration it was proposed and seconded that the following applicants be elected to membership of the Society in terms of Article 5(1) of the Constitution:-

MR.F.P.BOTHA	Bloukomstraat 5,Loevenstein-wes 7530
MR.L.COLLIER	P.O.Box 289, Chrissiefontein 1963
DR.R.COWLEY	Louis Leipoldt Medical Centre 323, Bellville 7530
MISS L.CRAUSE	P.O.Box 11131, Blouberggrant 7443
MR.H.J.DUNCAN	P.O.Box 650975, Benmore 2010
MR.S.R.GRIGOR	P.O.Box 9257, Elsburg 1407
MR.D.O.W.GRUB	P.O.Box 38833, Garsfontein 0042
MR.O.N. OELOFSEN	Hoeree, P.O.Joubertina 6410
MR.A.SCAFTURIS	P.O.Box 2731, Pietermaritzburg 3200
MR.S.J.SCHOULTZ	P.O.Box 95382, Waterkloof 0145
MR.B.SWART	923 - 21st Avenue,Rietfontein 0084
MR.P.R.VAN SCHALKWYK	Posbus 3375, Middelburg 1050
MR.C.P.VOCKERODT	52 Gordon Road, Somerset West 7130

CONFIRMED

9. MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Secretary, Mrs.A.Joubert, submitted the following information:-

New Members	40 (Total for the year)
Unpaid Members	29
Resignations	5

The Hon.Treasurer remarked that the membership position of the the Society was one for concern and a drive should be made to attract new members. Council agreed and that effect be given to the following proposals:- That (1) The Bulawayo Astronomical Club and the Windhoek Scientific Society be asked to attempt to get their members to join the Society; (2) Representatives on Council be asked to begin a membership drive at their Centres; (3) When replying to enquires regarding membership a copy of SKY & TELESCOPE be enclosed; (4) The address of the Membership Secretary be given on the inside of the front cover of MNASSA.

(10) LIGHT POLLUTION

Mr Fraser reported that his approach to SATV for a programme to be included on 50/50 had been met with a very positive response.

CLOSING : Chairman adjourned the meeting at 22h09, there being no further business.

Date.....

Chairman.....

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JUL - JAN 1991

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
OPENING BALANCE	R5,968.69	SKY & TELESCOPE	9,947.33
SUBSCRIPTIONS	29,010.00	IMPORT DUTY	1,545.96
SDCCDN	1,204.00	CLEARING	3,978.93
ENTRY FEES	350.00	POSTAGE ON PUBLICATIONS	2,627.08
MNASSA	895.53	PRINT&DISTR.MNASSA	5,240.00
HANDBOOK	591.61	PRINTING HANDBOOKS	1,250.00
INTEREST	606.05	GENERAL POSTAGE	113.14
TRUSTDON	810.00	PRINT&STATIONARY	1,209.82
ADVERTISING	3.50	TRUSTDON	782.25
BANK-32-DAY ACCOUNT	4,000.00	BANK CHARGES	123.40
SUNDRIES	72.50	BANK-32-DAY ACCOUNT	12,000.00
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ISURPLUS-(SHORTFALL) 4,693.97

R43,511.88

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BANK RECONCILIATION : JUL90-DEC90

BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT R2,297.01  
 LESS: OUTSTANDING CHEQUES:- No's

PLUS: DEPOSITS NOT ON BANK STATEMENT

BALANCE AS PER CASHBOOK R2,297.01