

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1991 August 26 at 20h00 at S.A.A.O.  
Cape Town

1. PRESENT

Mr M G Soltynski, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr I S Glass, Miss P Booth-Editor Handbook, Mrs A Joubert - Business Manager and Membership Secretary, Messrs J Bondiotti, A D B Cameron, J Churms - Editor MNASSA, Brian Skinner - Rep. Cape Centre, J Spencer Jones, C R G Turk and the Hon Secretary H E Krumm.

Mr A D B Cameron's name did not appear among those who were present at the previous meeting of Council. This is to be regretted as he was there in mind and body.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Dr T H Lloyd Evans, Mrs A Strauss, Mrs E Willis and the Hon Treas. Mr D Duprez.

3. WELCOME

A warm welcome was extended to Mr Brian Skinner as the Cape Centre's Representative on Council and also to Mr Jonathen Spencer Jones on his return from overseas and who would be serving as an alternate on Council.

4. OBITUARY: MR PETER BRITON

Council learned with deep regret of the passing of Peter Briton on 1991 August 16 at the early age of 66. He was appointed to serve on Council in 1986 September as an alternate for the Natal Centre's representative, a position which he held up to the time of his death. He was an active member of the Cape Centre and did much to stimulate an interest among the pupils of a number of schools at the Cape. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues.

5. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1991/1992

The following members of the Society were elected at the Annual General Meeting held at S.A.A.O. on 1991 July 24 at 20h00:-

President:	Dr T H H Lloyd Evans
Vice-Presidents:	Mr Jose da Silva Campos Mr M G Soltynski Professor W Wargau
Council Members:	Mr B D Fraser Dr I S Glass Mr A Hilton Mr M D Overbeek
Hon Secretary:	Mr H E Krumm
Hon Treasurer:	Mr D Duprez
Business Manager and Membership Secretary:	Mrs A Joubert

## 6. MINUTES

Minutes of previous Council meeting held on 1991 June 17, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read. It was proposed by Mr A D B Cameron and seconded by Mrs A Joubert that they be accepted. Confirmed and signed

## 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### (i) MACLEAR'S BOTTLE: COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES - Minute No 5(i)

Mr S D B Cameron reported that costs were being investigated.

### (ii) NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ASTRONOMY - Minute No.5(ii)

An extensive set of notes had been prepared by Dr T H Evans on the proceedings of a meeting held on 1991 July 25 at the S.A.A.O. to discuss the many details connected with the Symposium which would be held at the South African Museum on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 and at the S.A.A.O. on Saturday 25, April 1992.

After a discussion, during which Dr Evans was thanked for his report, it was decided to ask him to form his committee and to proceed accordingly.

It was noted that the response to the questionnaire had been good, that well over a 100 replies had been received

## 8. FINANCE

No Financial Statement was available owing to the absence of the Hon Treasurer.

### (i) MNASSA AND HANDBOOK

It was decided to print 625 copies of MNASSA and to retain the price at R12 per year for the present. The price of the Handbook would also remain unchanged at R5 per copy. New overseas price, 12.50 dollars

### (ii) COST OF FLAT COVERS

Mrs A Joubert would investigate the prices of flat covers for the despatch of publications and would raise the matter at the next meeting of Council.

## 9. NEW MEMBERS

It was proposed by Mr C R G Turk and seconded by Mr A D B Cameron that the following applicants be elected members of the Society in terms of Article 5(1) of the Constitution:-

MR.F.W.CAMPBELL	12 Banier Street, Southfield 7800
MR.A.K.CUMMING	Herby Arnot House,P.O.Box 118,Graaf-Reinet 6280
MR.S.N.DE VILLIERS	61 Dick Burton Road, Plumstead 7800
MR.G.J.A.DUMONT	12 Brompton Road, Kensington B, Randburg 2194
MR.D.MC ELVAIN	P.O.Box 1786, Mossel Bay 6500
MR.S.W.J.GREFF	48 Gainsborough Street, De La Haye, Bellville 7530
MR.A.GREYVENSTEYN	P.O.Box 79403, Senderwood 2145
MR.G.W.M.HAINES	P.O.Box 121, Plumstead 7800
MR.R.W.JONES	10 Erica Avenue, Fish Hoek 7975
MR.S.J.KLEYN	Dunbar, Thistle Street, Newlands 7700
MR.J.P.MARAIS	14 Rosendal Street, Paarl 7646
MS A.E.ROGERS	9 Baronie Avenue, Mountain Green Village,Lakeside 7951
MR.D.R.SCHILLER	P.O.Box 12497, Benoryn 1504
MR.A.SCHULTZ	P.P.Box 540, Port Elizabeth 6000
MR. I.D. STALKER-MILLAR	P.O.Box 5196, Delmenville,Germiston 1403
MR.G.STIRLING	c/o B.P.C.,P.O.Box 48, Gaborone, Botswana
MR. C.W.F.THEYS	4014 Vanesfield Flats, Loftheim Street, Empangeni 3880
MR.C.J.VOLSCHENK	6 Dirkwold Drive, Ashton Manor, Kempton Park 1619

10. MEMBERSHIP

- (i) The Membership Secretary reported that 346 members had paid their subscriptions and that 55 remain unpaid.
- (ii) It was recommended that excess copies of SKY & TELESCOPE be sent to the Centres for distribution among those who were members of the Centres but not members of the Society as part of the membership drive. A similar suggestion also came from Mr Brian Fraser. The Membership Secretary was heard to remark that this procedure would serve to show them what they were missing. Fair comment.
- (iii) Mr J Bondiotti came out strongly with the opinion that all members of Centres who have not joined the Society should automatically be deemed to be full members of the Society. Council explained that that the Society received SKY & TELESCOPE at a very special price on condition that each member of the Society receives a copy. If a decision along the lines suggested by Mr Bondiotti were adopted it would mean that S&T would have to be dropped for obvious reasons. Several years ago members of the Society came out strongly in favour of the retention of this periodical.

11. JACK BENNET AWARD

According to a memorandum received from the Pretoria Centre it was stated that that Centre had decided to introduce an award to be known as the Jack Bennet Award. It would be made to that member of the ASSA Pretoria Centre who has contributed the most, both to astronomy and to the Centre during the year ending with the Society's AGM. The recipient would have the full use of Jack Bennet's telescope for one year. In other words it is a floating trophy.

12. NEXT MEETING

Agreed to hold next Council Meeting on 1991 November 4

13. CLOSING

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 22h50.

Date 27 January 1991

Chairman Thomas H.H. Zand Jan