

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
Minutes of COUNCIL Meeting Held on 29 March 1993

1 PRESENT :

M G Soltynski, H Krumm, A Joubert, J Spencer-Jones,  
J Churms, P Booth, B Skinner, A Cameron, R Hurly  
I Glass, C D Allen, M Stone, W Hollenbach. + C. Turk

2 APOLOGIES : T Lloyd-Evans, A Slotegraaf, D DuPrez,

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING : Accepted, having been  
circulated to all members of Council.  
Prop: J Spencer-Jones; Sec: C Turk.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES :

- (1) Council members are to inform Hon Sec of their stationery requirements. (Letterhead paper with or without the address line).
- (2) Prof Wargau to be encouraged to go ahead with his proposals for the Second ASSA Symposium.  
Prop: M G Soltynski; Sec: I Glass.
- (3) Helderberg Centre:- Bill Hollenbach (their suggested Centre Representative) was welcomed to the meeting. A fruitful discussion ensued.
- (4) New Members: Membership Secretary to provide a list for inclusion in the Minutes.

5 FINANCE:

No financial statement tabled due to absence of the Hon Treasurer. Mrs Joubert commended for receiving R200 for the sale of the ASSA mailing list at the suggestion of M.G. Soltynski.

6 NEW MEMBERS:

To be tabled at next meeting.

Sub committee to propose how to deal with new members if sufficient S&T not available for immediate dispatch.

(MGS & AJ)

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

Application for financial assistance for the Society from the Dept. Education & Culture to be dealt with by MG Soltynski. Letter Re: Astronomy Brochure from Dr P Whitelock read & tabled.

8 SCIENCE POLICY:

Centres are encouraged to embark on specific initiatives to create an awareness of Astronomy among the public at large with special emphasis on the disadvantaged communities. Council will be very interested in supporting (including possible financial assistance) any concrete proposals in this regard.

9 SOCIETY'S ASSETS:

D DuPrez to arrange insurance thereof. C.Turk is to provide a list of instruments.

10 GENERAL:

- 1 A Mrs Kok has donated various instruments belonging to her late husband to the ASSA. Mr C Turk proposed that the 6" Newtonian be given to Mr A Slotegraaf (Dir. Deep Sky Obs Section) on long term loan, to assist him in his efforts. Seconded by: A Joubert.
  - 2 Mr H Krumm asked to be relieved of all old correspondence he has belonging to ASSA. J Spencer-Jones (Director; Historical Section) to retain anything of historical value and discard the rest.
  - 3 Council informed of the death of Mr T Geary lately of the Johannesburg Planetarium. M.G. Soltynski has written to his family expressing condolences on behalf of the Society.
  - 4 The date of the A.G.M. was set for the 28th July.
- 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st June 1993 at 19h30.

