

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1994 April 11
at the S.A.A.O., Observatory, Cape of Good Hope.

1. PRESENT: M.G.Soltynski (in the Chair), B.Skinner C.D.Gray
R.Hurly, J.Bondietti, J.Churms, P.Booth, C.Turk, D.Duprez,
H.Krumm, J.Spencer-Jones, A.Joubert and W.Bremer.
Mr W.A.Bremer was introduced to Council by M.G.Soltynski and
will serve on Council as the alternate for Natal Midlands Centre.
2. APOLOGIES: Prof W.Wargau, Dr R.Stobie, Messrs A.Slotegraaf,
C.D.Allen, and P.van Blommenstein.
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as a true reflection of
the proceedings of the meeting of Feb 8th 1994 and
accepted.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
 - 4.1 Symposium Proceedings - Prof. Wargau to be sent a set of
mailing labels for the distribution of the Proceedings to
members.
* * A. Joubert
5. FINANCE: Financial report tabled.
 - 5.1 Business Manager to attend to invoicing overseas
subscribers to MNASSA as a matter of urgency as this
represents an amount of about R3000 to R4000 owing to
the Society.
* * A. Joubert
 - 5.2 Subscription increase: After a very lengthy discussion
Council agreed that to the only way to ensure the continued
existence of the Society was to increase the Annual
Subscription for 1994/95 to R110. Even at this level the
Society would be very likely to incur a financial loss which
will be a repeat of last year and which will erode our
accumulated funds to almost a zero level. This situation will
necessitate close monitoring of the financial position of the
Society on a regular basis.
Prop: C.D.Gray Sec: C.Turk.
* * M.G. Soltynski
 - 5.3 The Treasurer was asked if he could provide an estimate of
the actual expenditure on each 'product' of the Society viz.
MNASSA, Handbook, S&T.
* * C. Gray

5.4 It was proposed that the price of all publications to non-members of the Society be reviewed. Council is requested to re-consider the pricing of the Handbook (presently R5) and MNASSA (presently US\$ 12). This item is to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

5.5 The new Treasurer was commended for the effort he had expended in bringing the financial situation of the Society up to date on a realistic basis in a very short time.

6. NEW MEMBERS: The following new members were proposed and approved: Prof N.T.Bishop, Dr J.M.Warwick, Mesdames J. M.Macgregor and A.E.Jay; and Messrs T.J.Huber, S.G. Calvert, G.J.van Zyl, M.S.Fuller, M.A.J.McEvoy, E. Perstein, S Borea, V.Gonneau, and A.L.J.van der Schyff. Prop: A.Joubert Sec: R.Hurly
(The above list is to be sent to the Editor, MNASSA for publication).

* * B. Skinner

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

7.1 Letter from Mrs L.Rens read by her alternate, Mr H. Krumm re: a change to the rules of the Natal Centre. There were no objections to the proposed changes. Council appreciate being informed of the proposed changes by the Natal Centre.

7.2 A Letter from Mr J.Hers re: replacement of his copy of the Handbook was read. His new handbook has been posted to him.

7.3 An e-Mail communication from Mr J. Knight regarding his possible resignation from the Directorship of the Solar Section and ASSA was read. Council resolved that M.G. Soltynski would discuss the reasons with him. Council proposed a vote of thanks to him for his sterling efforts as director of the Solar section.
Prop: H Krumm Sec: A. Joubert

8. A.G.M.: The Pretoria Centre has been asked to host this year's A.G.M. in the first 10 days of July.

* * W.Wargau * * M.G.Soltynski

9. COUNCIL 1994 / 1995:

Nominations for Council are to be made in writing before June 15 1994.

Hon. Treasurer's Report and Recommendations
to the ASSA Council Meeting
on Monday 11th April 1994.

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This little piece of homespun philosophy by Mr Micawber highlights the present position of the Society, or rather the state of its financial plight, together with the reasons for it.

The following points will enable Council members to become aware of our money situation and to decide upon appropriate action to remedy the current crisis:

- 1) In the financial year to June 1992, income was just sufficient to cover expenditure, with subscriptions (the bulk of our funding) totalling R32000.
- 2) For the year to June 1993, the results of which are just to hand, a net loss of R5500 was incurred, even though subscription income increased to R35600.
- 3) No change in the rate of subscription was called for in respect of the current year.
- 4) The results for the eight months to February 1994, which are now tabled, show a surplus of R8500, but an excess of approximately R3300 in expenditure over income for March is indicated, reducing the surplus for the nine month period to R5200.
- 5) Little revenue can be expected during the last quarter of the year (April to June) while expenses for April are projected at about R11000 (including Handbook and Mnassa printing costs). This is more than we have available in cash.
- 6) Expenses in May and June will probably amount to R6000, so that a loss for the year of R9000 is envisaged, after allowing for sundry income of R3000 during the last quarter.
- 7) Although no official notification from Sky Publishing has been received, their shipping documents for Sky and Telescope have shown a figure of \$1.47 per copy since December 1993, compared to \$1.25 previously. This increase is equivalent to about 80c per month, or R10 per year.
- 8) Printing and postal charges have been increased by UCT and the Post Office during the year.

Recommendations.

- 1) To meet the shortfall in funds until new subscriptions come in during July, borrowings should be sought from the bank or the Trust Fund.
- 2) An increase in annual subscriptions of at least R15 per member should be authorised, i.e. to R100 per year, and invoices sent out earlier than previously.
- 3) The recently approved honoraria should be held over until our finances improve.

Colin Gray. Bergvliet. April 1994.

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12th June 2001


The Secretary
ASSA
12 Redgum Avenue
THORNTON
7460

Dear Mr. Skinner


We wish to nominate the following persons for election to the offices as shown for the year 2001/2002.

President	Dr. D.M. Kilkenny
Vice Presidents	Mr. P Van Blommestein Mr. T.P. Cooper Mr. C. Rijsdijk
Members of Council	Miss P. Booth Mr. S. Walsh Mr. B. Skinner Dr. C.D. Laney
Secretary	
Treasurer	C.D. Gray

Yours faithfully


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C.R.G. Turk.


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M.A. GRAY

P.S. Please apologise for my absence from Council on 21st June.
I shall be in Kuraba during eclipse


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Deaths

BARRON

John passed away suddenly 26/9/94. Lovingly remembered by his son Kelvin, daughter Gale, daughter in law Pam and grandchildren Dylan and Zara. Funeral service at St John's Anglican Church, Belgravia Rd, Crawford on Thursday 29/9/94 at 2.30pm. Thence to Maitland Cemetery, 3 Pinelands Rd.

Deaths

BARRON

Johnny, passed away peacefully 21/9/94. God saw you getting weary and did what He thought best. He put His arms around you and took you home to rest. Deeply mourned by his sister Rosie and nephew Michael.

BARRON

Johnny our dear jovial friend will be sadly missed by Awie, Milly and family.

Deaths

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John, loving cousin and friend, passed away suddenly on 26/9/94. Deeply mourned by Reggie, Evelyn and family. Gone but not forgotten.

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Johnny passed away on 26 September 1994. Will always be remembered for what he has done by Philna Manuel and Sylmore.

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Johnny passed away peacefully on 26 September 1994. Deeply mourned by Sam, Sybil and family.

BOISKIN

Esther, passed away peacefully. Deeply mourned by Len and Mary Isenstein & Family.

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Esther, our dear mother and Bobbe, passed away peacefully. Deeply mourned and sadly missed by Stan and Libela and children Grant and Etti (Australia), Michel and Ari (America) and Jonathan (Ameri-

Deaths

BOISKIN

Esther, Deeply mourned by Solly, Elana, Natasha and Tali Gild.

BOISKIN

Esther, my dear sister. Lovingly remembered by Bertha Gild. (Israel).

BOISKIN

Esther, dear sister-in-law and aunt, passed away peacefully. Deeply mourned by Fay and family.

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Deaths

BURGER

In loving memory of our dearest mother Marie, who died 27.9.86. Always remembered by her loving children especially Ann. Gone but not forgotten.

CHURMS

Joe, the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa sadly mourns the passing of a great friend. Condolences to the family.

CLARKE

William Alexander passed away peacefully on 27/9/94. Deeply mourned by his wife Marlorie, chil-

Deaths

CRAE

Stanley passed away peacefully on 25 September 1994 in PA. Will always be remembered for his kindness, his generosity and his sadly missed only daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren and Carol, Anne, Anthony, Shirley, Joan, Ralph and his great-grandchildren.

CRAE

Stanley William passed away peacefully on 25 September

NEW MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
11TH APRIL 1994

1. Mr T.J.Huber Kapteinskloof, P.O.Box 2, Sauer, 7324.
2. Mr S.G.Calvert 131 San Michel, 79 St Georges St, Durban,
4000.
3. Mr G.J.van Zyl Posbus 12, Pofadder, 8890.
4. Dr J.M.Warwick 4 Myrtle Road, Rondebosch, 7700.
5. Mr M.S.Fuller P.O.Box 1995, Cape town, 8000.
6. Mr M.A.J.McEvoy 11 Amelia St. East, Dunvegan, Edenvale, 1610.
7. Miss J.M.MacGregor P.O.Box 650954, Benmore, 2010.
8. Mr E.Perstein P.O.Box 783406, Sandton, 2145.
9. Miss A.E.Jay 483 Cape Road, Westerling, Port Elizabeth, 6025.
10. Mr S. Borea Sr. Private Bag X7, Pyramid, 0120.
11. Prof N.T.Bishop Dept Mathematics UNISA, P.O.Box 392,
Pretoria, 0001.
12. Mr V.Gonneau 9 Ringwood Drive, Pinelands, 7405.
13. Mr A.L.J.van der Schyff 986 Mossie Str., Silverton, 0184.