

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
Minutes of COUNCIL Meeting held on 19 June 1995

1 PRESENT:

J Spencer-Jones (in the chair), P Booth, B Skinner,  
H Krumm, C D Allen, J Bondiotti, C Turk, R Hurly,  
C D Gray, and P van Blommestein.

2 APOLOGIES: A Joubert, M G Soltynski and D Duprez.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted as read.  
Proposed: C D Gray                      Seconded P van Blommestein

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4.1 Mr J Bondiotti proposed a vote of thanks to the office bearers of Council for their sterling efforts to keep the Society running for its members. This was unanimously adopted.

4.2 The list of new members not tendered to the last meeting was accepted and will be published in MNASSA.

4.3 AS & TS: A letter from Council's representative Mr D Smits was read wherein he recommends that Council cancel its membership of this body and join the JCSS instead. The AS & TS is to be reconstituted soon and the JCSS will become an affiliate of the "new" AS & TS. Hon Sec is to write to both the JCSS and AS & TS to inform them of Council's decision.

4.4 Sky & Telescope has stuck to their intended increased price and it now costs \$2-29.5 per copy Stateside (was \$1.47). This becomes \$2.51 landed in Cape Town which becomes R9.33 + per copy. (The retail price as quoted by CNA is ± R30.00). As from August 460 copies will be sent monthly and Invoices will be itemised as requested.  
Any changes to the ordered quantity are to be communicated before the 5th of the preceeding month.

5 FINANCE:

5.1 Treasurer's interim report tabled.

5.2 Mr C Turk informed Council of an anonymous interest-free loan of R8000.00 to the ASSA in order to keep it afloat until the cash-flow improved and when members' subscriptions for the next financial year started coming in. Council unanimously adopted a vote of thanks to the anonymous benefactor who has now been repaid in full.

5.3 Council adopted a vote of thanks to the sub-committee comprising Messrs Gray, Soltynski, Duprez and Mrs Joubert for their efforts in resolving the subscription increase caused by the Sky & Telescope subscription increase.

5.4 A notice is to be inserted with the August mailing of Sky & Telescope informing members who do not pay their subscriptions forthwith that this copy will be their last one until their subs are paid. Any inconvenience due to missing copies will be their responsibility.

6 NEW MEMBERS: All new members have been accepted and their names will be published in MNASSA.

7 A.G.M.: The Transvaal Centre has agreed to host the 1995 Annual General Meeting on 28 July 1995 at 20h00 at their usual venue.

\* \* See NOTE 1 below

The following written nominations to serve on Council were received by 15th June 1995:

President : Prof B.C. Raubenheimer  
Vice President : Mr B.D. Fraser  
Vice President : Mr A. Hilton  
Vice President : Dr R.S. Stobie  
Members : Mrs L. Rens  
: Mr M.D. Overbeek  
: Mr P van Blommestein  
: Dr D. Smits

Proposed by Mr M.G.Soltynski and Seconded by Mr C.R.G.Turk.

8 CORRESPONDENCE: Numerous letters attended to by Hon Sec were read to the meeting. Mr R.R.Arco of Ladysmith who is arranging activities for amateurs is heartily thanked for his efforts.

9 GENERAL:

9.1 Prof Raubenheimer has requested that the agenda of Council meetings be made available sooner. It was pointed out that a fine balance exists between supplying the minutes of one meeting and early notification (read Agenda) of the next meeting. The two are sent out together in order to save money on postage.

9.2 Mr C de Coning of the Bloemfontein Centre has requested that someone who went on the 1994 Eclipse expedition with the SA Navy give a half-hour talk at the 1995 Symposium. Miss P Booth will liase with him.

9.3 The Handbook Editor pointed out that the next Handbook will be the Fiftieth edition. It was suggested that a commemorative edition be produced. A working group to design this edition was established. They are: Ms P Booth and Messrs J Spencer-Jones and R Hurly.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21 August 1995

The meeting concluded at 21h30 as all its business had been completed.

NOTE 1

Directors of Sections are to either present their reports for the year ending 31 December 1994 in person, or if unable to do so, to fax their reports to Brian Fraser at Fax No 871 0343

NOTE 2

Centres are to inform the Hon Secretary of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their committee members and Council Representative before 20 August 1995 as required by the Constitution.

Council will next meet on the 21st August 1995.

Proposed: S Baudiatti      Seconded: C. Turk  
Accepted: R Hurly      21/8/95