

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 22 April 1996

- 1 PRESENT :  
P van Blommestein (in the chair), C Gray, B Skinner, C Turk, H Krumm, Mrs A Joubert, C D Allen, J Bondiotti, M A Gray R Stobie and R Hurly.
- 2 APOLOGIES : Prof B C Raubenheimer, Ms P Booth, D Duprez, MG Soltynski, A Slotegraaf and J Spencer-Jones
- 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING : Accepted after amending.
- 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES :
- 4.1 The Natal Midlands Centre have accepted Mr M A Gray as their alternate.
- 4.2 Constitution changes have not been completed yet.  
\* This item has suffered a setback due to Mr C Turk being confined to bed for some time with a back injury. Council wish him a speedy recovery.
- 4.3 The Honoraria sub-committee has not yet completed its work.
- 5 FINANCE:  
Financial Report tabled. Concern was voiced over the declining value of the Rand and its affect on Sky & Telescope subscription costs.
- 6 NEW MEMBERS:  
Mrs A Joubert provided a list of applicants who were duly proposed and accepted as members.
- 7 CORRESPONDENCE:
- 7.1 Mr MD Overbeek has been awarded the Astronomical Society of the Pacific's award for his prolific Variable star work. The citation was read to the meeting. The presentation is to be made at the AGM of the ASSA. The ASP has requested that the award be kept confidential until after it has been presented. It was suggested that someone in the Johannesburg Centre should videotape the presentation and send it to the ASP.  
\* \* \* \* Jhb Centre
- 7.2 Mrs L Rens has resigned from Council due to poor health. Council wish her a speedy recovery.
- 7.3 Prof M Feast wrote to request that the ASSA consider affiliation to the South African Institute of Physics.  
Proposed: R Stobie      Seconded: M A Gray

7.4 Correspondence was entered into between Mr RR Arco of Ladysmith and the President, Membership Secretary and Business Manager about the non arrival of Sky & Telescope and MNASSA.

8 GENERAL:

8.1 Mr P van Blommestein asked that Council write a letter of encouragement to Mr Jones of Fish Hoek. He is the second most prolific variable star observer in South Africa.

Proposed: C Turk                      Seconded: MA Gray

8.2 Dr R Stobie invited amateurs to assist with the open night at Sutherland which is to be held on 28 September.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:    10 June 1996

Accepted:..... for President

Proposer:

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