

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Honorary Treasurer's Report for the 9 months ended 31 March 2001.

The third quarter of the year has produced a surplus of R3000, derived principally from subscriptions, interest on investments and Star Walks net revenue, with revenue from publications neatly covering their production costs.

Surplus for the year to date now stands at R14000 after writing off R5000 for the supply of badges, which have been well received, by all accounts.

Net worth now totals R75000, of which R41000 is bespoken for the scholarship scheme. It is expected that the last quarter will break even, so the financial year will end up at a level similar to last year.

It is interesting to note that the surplus equates to the total of members' subscriptions.


Colin Gray

Bergvliet

April 2001

BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 2001

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

31 Mar 2001

30 June 2000

Surplus at 1 July	60945	42436
Surplus for 9 months	<u>14062</u>	<u>14849</u>
	75007	57285

Funds from ASSA Symposium	<u>-</u>	<u>3660</u>
	<u>75007</u>	<u>60945</u>

REPRESENTED BY CURRENT ASSETS

ASSA Symposium account	3937	3730
Scholarship account	40966	-
32 day notice account	17909	86985
Plusplan account	22567	7086
	85379	97801

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Owing to Asset	835	1740
Subs received in advance	-	7320
Mnassa receipts in advance	9142	7336
S&T receipts in advance	<u>395</u>	<u>20460</u>
	<u>10372</u>	<u>36856</u>

NET CURRENT ASSETS

	<u>R75007</u>	<u>R60945</u>
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INCOME STATEMENT

for the three quarters ended 31 March 2001

INCOME

	This quarter	Year to date
Subscriptions	700	14900
S&T receipts	3090	36797
Interest	1521	4291
Entrance fees	120	180
Mnassa Sales	5853	20406
Handbook Sales	9913	10187
Advertising	880	1090
Donations	25	1175
Star Walks	1010	1010
Badges	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
	23127	90051

EXPENDITURE

Sky & Telescope payments	2814	34136
Mnassa production	4231	16514
Handbook production	8129	8129
Postage on Mnassa	1509	5188
Postage on Handbook	981	1478
Printing & Stationery	408	851
Bank charges	806	1503
General expenses	570	694
Honoraria	-	1500
Section expenses	-	-
Star Walks	570	570
Badges	-	<u>5426</u>
	<u>20018</u>	<u>75989</u>
NET SURPLUS	<u>3109</u>	<u>14062</u>

CASH RECONCILIATION

at 31 March 2001

Cash at 1 July		
32 day notice account	86985	
Plusplan account	7086	
ASSA Symposium account	3730	
		97801
Add		
Surplus for 9 months	14062	
Owing to asset	835	
Mnassa receipts in advance	9142	
S&T receipts in advance	<u>385</u>	
		<u>24434</u>
		122235
Less		
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		<u>85379</u>

NEW MEMBERS

8-5-2001

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ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on 8 May 2001 at the S.A.A.O.

Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr Jack Bondietti who passed away on 22 April 2001.

1 PRESENT:

Mr P van Blommestein (in the Chair) Drs D Kilkenny and A Mahomed, Messrs B Skinner, C Gray, M Christianson, C Turk, D Field, R Hurly, C Rijdsdijk, C de Coning, M A Gray, A Jones and G Bosch.

2 APOLOGIES:

Mr MG Soltynski, and all up country members.

3 MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes as circulated were accepted without alteration and signed.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Award Certificates:

Observing section directors are to submit the names of candidates together with their Annual Reports to Council before April 15 of each year. The certificates will be posted to the Section Directors so that these can be sent to the recipients home Centre before their AGM.

Proposed R Hurly and seconded by C Turk

4.2 Web presence for A.S.S.A.

The ASSA web site redesigned by Messrs G Bosch and M Soltynski is now working. The desirability of publishing MNASSA on the website was discussed. It was decided that it would not be because subscriptions would be compromised. See <http://da.saa.ac.za/assa>.

4.3 Imaging Section Competition

The Cape Centre astrophotography competition will be judged on 30 May 2001. All the ASSA Centres were invited to send entries but none have.

4.4 Comet & Meteor Monogram

The Director of the Comet & Meteor Section, Mr Tim Cooper is having his three monograms printed and will submit a claim for the costs incurred to the Hon Treasurer.

4.5 Dark Sky Section

The Kirstenbosch Sky Walks were held again during Feb – March and the group involved once again made a donation to the ASSA coffers from monies received. There is still a vacancy for a section Director.

4.6 Banners

The Cape Centre should soon have their banner and will submit a claim for a refund of costs to the Hon Treasurer.

4.7 Solar Section

There is still a vacancy for Director of this Observing Section.

4.8 Scholarships

No report received from scholarships committee.

4.9 Symposium 2000 – Cancelled

The Harare Centre Rep Alternate is to write to the Centre.

4.10 Handbook redesign

The sub-committee has undertaken to make a start on the redesign of the lay-out of the handbook.

4.11 List of ASSA telescopes

This has been compiled and will be printed for insertion into the Minute book.

4.12 Alternates

The Cape Centre chairman undertook to canvass for additional persons to become alternates for out of town Council members.

4.13 Constitution

C Turk is yet to send file to Hon Secretary for proof reading and printing.

5 FINANCE

The Hon Treasurer tabled the Income Statement for the third quarter.

6 NEW MEMBERS

6.1 A list of eight new members was tabled by the Membership Secretary. These persons have been accepted subject to their names being published in MNASSA. Proposed by C Gray and seconded by C Turk.

6.2 Honorary Members: Prof Michael Feast, Dr Tom Lloyd Evans, Mr Colin Gray and Mr Cliff Turk were unanimously elected Honorary Members. All will receive Society publications, whilst Messrs Turk and Gray will also receive free subscriptions to Sky & Telescope. Proposed by Dr A Mahomed and seconded by B Skinner.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1 Email asking for information about the web page was read to the meeting.

7 GENERAL

7.1 Minute Book:

A new minute book required for keeping a record of Council meetings as the old one commencing in 1982 is nearly full.

7.2 Hon Secretary:

The term of the current incumbent expires at the AGM and he will not stand for re-election. It was noted that in ten years he had missed but one meeting.

7.3 Telephone Hot-list

The need for a quick means of communication for persons not having email was expressed so that breaking news can get to Council members without delay.

- 7.4 AGM
The Cape Centre has been asked to host the AGM on 25 July. Mr A Gray will report back.
- 7.5 Potchefstroom Centre proposed.
Details awaited from Chris Meintjies PO Box 484 Potchefstroom 2520.
- 7.6 Krumm telescope
A committee has been formed to formulate a proposal with regard to the building of a facility to house the telescope given to the Society by the late Harold Krumm. Messrs C Gray and P van Blommestein are to represent Council on this committee.
- 7.7 Abbe de la Caille
Mr Hurly will endeavour to promote a celebration of the Abbe's visit to Cape Town 250 years ago.
- 8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19 June 2001.**

Peter I. van Blommestein