

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at No. 35, Wale Street, Cape Town, on Wednesday, the 25th July, 1923 at 8 p.m.

Present D. Halm, Messrs: Cox, Dutton, Forbes, Giffen, Houghton, Long, McIntyre, Potts, Reid, Schonegevel & Smith.

D. Halm as Vice-President took the chair.

Minutes The Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 23rd August, 1922, were read and confirmed. The Minutes of the general Meeting held on the 15th November, 1922, were read and confirmed.

Annual Report of Council The Secretary read the Annual Report of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Giffen, the Report was adopted.

Treasurer's Statement The Treasurer read the audited Financial Statement of the Society for the year ended 30th June, 1923.

The Chairman reported that the Council had adopted the Statement subject to its amendment by the inclusion on both sides of the account of the contribution of £8 made by the Late Cape Astronomical Association towards the cost of printing the Constitution. On the motion of Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Houghton, the Financial Statement was adopted as amended by the Council.

Reports of Directors of Mr. W. Reid, Director of the Comet Section, read his Report for the past year.

Observing Sections

Mr. D. G. McIntyre, Director of the Meteor Section, read his Report for the past year.

Mr. Reid showed some curious drawings of meteors and their trails which he had observed through the telescope.

Some discussion ensued in the course of which it was pointed out that country Members had much advantage over town Members in observational work for this Section.

The Chairman urged that greater attention in general should be paid to the observing of meteors.

The Chairman read the Reports of Mr. Worsell and Dr. Moir as Directors of the Variable Stars and Mars Sections respectively.

The Chairman said he agreed with Dr. Moir that no useful observations of Mars could have been made during the year.

The Secretary stated that no Report had been received from the Director of the Lunar Section.

Amendment of Bylaw 5. It was resolved, nem. con., to confirm the amendment of Bylaw 5 reported by the Council in regard to the signing of the Council's cheques, namely, the deletion of the words 'and the President' in line 9.

Condonation On the motion of Mr. Houghton, seconded by Mr. Long, it was resolved:

"That this Annual Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa condone the under-mentioned breaches of the Constitution, reported by the Council, for the reasons indicated:-

Members of Council. W. Eaton, Esq.
 W. B. Jackson, Esq. M.Sc.
 A. W. Long, Esq. F.R.A.S.
 D. G. McIntyre, Esq.
 W. Reid, Esq.
 H. W. Schonegger, Esq.

Auditor. E. J. Steer, Esq.

The Chairman enquired whether there was any objection to any of these nominations.

No objection having been raised, the Chairman declared the gentlemen named to be duly elected to serve the Society in the several capacities for which they had been nominated.

Confirmed
 D. G. McIntyre

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