

Council of the
Minutes of a meeting of the Astronomical Society of
South Africa held at the Wesleyan Church School,
Rosebank, on Monday 23rd June 1924, at 8 pm.

President.

Messrs Coe, Forbes, Jeady, Long, Reid, Schmegevel, Smith
and Houghton (Acting Hon. Secretary)

In the absence of Dr. Hahn and of the President or any other
Vice-President, and by the general wish of those present, the
chair was taken by Mr A.W. Long.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and con-
firmed. The Secretary reported that the President, Dr. R. J. A.
Innes, who had promised to deliver his Presidential
Address on Wednesday, 25th June, would not be in Cape Town
before Friday, 27th June. After an exchange of telegrams
with him it had been arranged to hold the meeting
on the 27th at the library of the Technical College, Long-
market St., as the use of the room at 35 Wake Street
could not be obtained on that night. The Council after
discussion agreed that this arrangement was the best
in ~~the~~ ^{the} circumstances, though in view of the limited
accommodation at the Technical College it was decided
that no special advertisement of the meeting should be
published.

Corres-
pondence

The Secretary laid on the table the letters received and copies
of those written by him since the last meeting. The
following were considered:-

Letter dated 15th March from Mr. O. J. Nel, and letter dated
30th May from Miss H. J. Troughton, both of Natal, asking
for particulars regarding joining the Society, with replies.
Miss Troughton would be considered for membership by the
Committee of the Cape Centre.

Letter dated 15th March from Mr. A. O. Holcroft, East London
on Solar and Lunar Gravitational Fields, also letter dated

24th March from Mr. A. Stevens, Quebec, Canada, on the possible age of the Solar System. The Council ordered these letters to be recorded, the sender to be thanked and informed accordingly.

Letter from Major A.E. Levin, Computing Section, B.A.A., ^{dated 3} April, replying to an enquiry regarding certain formulae used in the B.A.A. Handbook for 1924.

Correspondence with Dr. J. Moir and certain members regarding observations of Mars which he had asked should be made in May.

Letter received by Dr. Hahn from Bishop Suuron, Pella, Namsqualand, expressing appreciation of the "Universal Sun-dial".

Postcard dated 4th June from the Société d'Astronomie d'Anvers (Antwerp) suggesting exchange of publications and asking if Mr. Reid could write a note explaining how he discovers his comets.

Nominations
for New
Council

The Secretary reported that there were 51 Cape members and 17 Johannesburg members in good standing on the 31st May. The Secretary of the Johannesburg Centre had included the name of Mr. F.J. Nance, but as that gentleman's resignation had been reported some months ago he was not eligible to vote and the figure 17 was correct. The Council discussed the position and decided that as the proportions of members were as above, the terms of the Constitution precluded electing the Johannesburg Centre more than three representatives on the new Council. The Cape Centre would be entitled to nine representatives.

The following nominations were received:-

Office	Name	(1) Proposed	(2) Seconded
President	Dr. W. E. Hahn, Ph.D., F.R.S.	A. W. Long	H. W. Schonegevel
Vice President	H. Spencer Jones, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.S.	W. H. Cox	W. Reid
do.	Senator the Hon. A. W. Roberts, D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.R.S.	W. Reid	W. H. Cox
do.	The Chairman of the Johannesburg Centre, 1924-25	A. W. Long	W. H. Smith
Secretary	H. E. Houghton	A. W. Long	W. Reid
Treasurer	W. H. Smith	H. W. Schonegevel	A. W. Long
Member of Council	W. H. Cox	A. W. Long	H. E. Houghton
do.	C. L. O. B. Dutton	W. Reid	W. H. Smith
No Entry withdrawn	do.	W. Eaton	W. Geddes
	do.	A. F. J. Forbes	W. M. Worsell
do.	W. B. Jackson, M.Sc.	A. W. Long	W. H. Smith
do.	B. F. Jearey	W. Geddes	W. M. Worsell
do.	A. W. Long, F.R.S.	W. Reid	W. H. Smith
do.	W. H. Cox	A. F. J. Forbes	W. Reid
do.	W. Reid	A. W. Long	H. W. Schonegevel
do.	H. W. Schonegevel	B. F. Jearey	W. H. Smith
do.	H. Stevens	A. W. Long	W. M. Worsell
Auditor	E. J. Steer	W. Geddes	H. W. Schonegevel

Note: The Chairman of the Johannesburg Centre had been proposed as member of Council by W. Geddes and seconded by W.M. Worsell.

An election was therefore necessary and the Secretary was requested to ask the Johannesburg Secretary to forward the name of the Chairman of that Centre as soon as he had been elected at the Centre's Annual Meeting on the 26th June; also to ask Mr. Eatin, ~~in~~ in view of his offer to withdraw his name in the event of only three representatives on the Council being allotted to Johannesburg, whether he would now allow his name to go forward for election.

Journal
Committee

The Secretary reported that 500 copies of Vol. 1 No. 3 had been delivered on 7th May and distributed as follows: -

- 84 to members
- 58 Free List
- 6 to Johannesburg for sale
- 16 sold for cash.

Correspondence with the Editor was read, including his letter of 16th June to which the Council directed a reply to be sent that it was not yet possible to fix dates of publication of the Journal far in advance, but that the 1st September should be aimed at as the date for No. 4. The Secretary was also directed to ~~obtain~~^{seek} permission for Dr. Walmsley's address as President of Section A of the South Afr. Assn. for the Adv. of Science (which would meet in July) to be published in the Society's Journal. The books for review still remaining with the Editor were two on Relativity by J. Rice & E. Cunningham respectively and "The Depths of the Universe" by G.E. Hale. The books already reviewed had been placed in the Society's library.

A letter from Mr. J. Mackenzie was read

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 criticism No. 3 of the Journal. ~~It was decided to delete~~
~~"Die Ringer" and the "Cape" from the Free List and to add~~
 Dr A.C.D. Cunnellin, B.A., D.Sc., F.R.A.S., 55 Ulundi Road,
 Blackheath, London; Prof. W.F. Huxley, University of Michigan,
 Detroit, and Société d'Astronomie d'Ames, (Antwerp)

Sundial
 Sub-committee
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 The Secretary reported the progress of sales of "A
 Universal Sundial" and the separate charts, which
 had resulted in £26.18.4 being returned to the Guarantors
 leaving £6.10.0 due to them. The Council expressed
 their appreciation at this satisfactory progress.
 424 books remained in the Secretary's hands, but
 other copies were with booksellers awaiting sale.

Financial
 Position
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 The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of
 £7.9.6. Other sums were due to be received before
 the end of the Society's year.

Date of
 next
 meeting
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 The next meeting of the Council was ordered to be
 held at Rosebank on the 21st July.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Kalm

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 Minutes amended at Council meeting of 21st July to read
 as follows:— It was decided that in future the Secretary
 should have discretionary powers to discontinue sending
 the Journal to such papers as took no interest in the
 Society. It was further decided to add to the Free List.....