

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Wesleyan Church School, Rosebank, on Monday, 21st July 1924 at 8 p.m.

Present Dr. Halm in the Chair, Messrs Forbes, Jarey, Long, Reid, Schonegevel & Boughton (Acting Hon. Secretary)

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, after a correction had been made in the minute relating to the copies of the Journal supplied to newspapers, were confirmed.

Correspondence 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 27th June from Dr. Jones offering to refund rent of rooms at 35 Wake St. which was not used owing to alteration of date of his lecture with the Secretary's reply stating that the Society preferred not to avail themselves of his kind offer. Mr. Schonegevel reported that no rent had been paid for the room, and the booking was apparently regarded as cancelled.

Letter dated 18th June to Principal, Technical College. The Council confirmed the payment of £1 to the College as rent for the lecture room used on 27th

Letter dated 2nd July to the Secretary of the N.S.W. Branch of the B.A.A. regarding a sundial designed by Prof. W. Cooke. The Council confirmed the Secretary's action.

Letter dated 18th June from H. Thomson, Port East Africa, sending a small film showing a photograph of the eclipsed moon -

Letter dated 16th June from J.C. Clancey, Agora,

Journal. -
 regarding the annual subscription to the ~~Society~~ ^{Journal}
 letter dated 2nd July from the Rev. B.H. Barnes,
 Fort Rosebery, offering a perpetual calendar for
 the Society to publish if desired. -

The Council directed the replies to be sent
 to these three letters.

letter dated 24th June to Sec. G. Johannesding Centre
 with replies of 27th June (telegram giving name of
 new Chairman), 30th June, & 18th July (forwarding
 Annual Report and Financial Statement and
 List of Office-bearers)

letters of 24th June and 8th July to the Editor.

As regards reporting in the Journal the ad-
 dresses by Dr. Hahn & Mr. Spencer Jones at the
 recent meeting of the S. Afr. Assoc. for the Adv.
 of Science, the Secretary was instructed to
 ask the Association whether permission
 (similar to that accorded to the Press) could
 be given to publish these addresses in extenso
 without waiting for the issue of the Association's
 Proceedings.

Annual
 Report
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The draft Annual Report was submitted by
 the Secretary, and was discussed by paragraphs.
 After certain amendments, Mr. Lang moved, and
 Mr. Schragevel seconded, the adoption of the Report
 which was unanimously agreed to.

Audited
 Financial
 Statement
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In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary
 read the Audited Financial Statement. He drew
 attention to the fact that whereas the total
 subscriptions received by the Johannesding Centre
 in for 1923-24 was shown in their statement as
 £22.0.6, only £6.8.6 had been paid to
 headquarters instead of £11.0.3 which appeared
 to be the amount due. The Secretary was

instigated to ask the Thamesbury Secretary to forward a cheque for the ~~sum~~ balance due at his early convenience. The Council accepted the Society's Financial Statement as showing the present position, but directed that the attention of the Annual Meeting should be drawn to the discrepancy.

Reports of
Observing
Sections

The Secretary stated that he had received the Reports of the Mars Section. He understood that the Reports of the Comet and Meteor Sections would be ready for the Annual Meeting.

Donation
from Natal
Astr. Assn.

Mr. Schonegevel read a letter from the Secretary of the Natal Astronomical Association forwarding a donation of £5. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the donation with the grateful thanks of the Society.

Letter to
"English
Mechanics"

A draft letter to the Editor of "English Mechanics" prepared by Mr. Schonegevel and the Secretary was approved. Communications from Mr. A. O. H. Croft, East London, had appeared in that paper, and it was desirable that the Society should intimate that they accepted no responsibility for his theories.

Notice for
Official Year
Book of the
Union of S. Afr.

A draft notice of the Society for insertion in the Official Year Book of the Union of S. Africa was approved.

A letter from Mr. W. J. Fisher regarding eclipses of the moon, which had been received at the Royal Observatory, was handed in by Mr. Reid, and would be passed to the Cape Centre.

Schonegevel

Mr. ~~Reid~~ reported a letter received from Mr. C. Wickes, Durban, regarding occultations, which he would deal with.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Kalm

* Minute 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.....