

Minutes of the Annual ^{General} Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at No. 25 Wale Street, Cape Town, on Wednesday, 23rd July 1924, at 8 p.m.

In the absence of the President and of any Vice President, and at the wish of the meeting, the Chair was taken by Mr. D. G. Ingham. There was a good attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 25th July 1923, and of the General Meeting of the 27th June 1924 were each read and confirmed.

Annual Report

The Secretary read the Annual Report of the Council. On the motion of Capt. S. Cameron-Swan, seconded by Major G. C. Fox, the Report was adopted.

Financial Statement

The Secretary (in the absence of the Treasurer) read the Audited Financial Statement of the Society for the year ended 30th June 1924. Mr. Schonegevel drew attention to the fact that the Johannesburg Centre had not remitted the full sum due to headquarters as a half share of the subscriptions received during 1923-24. The Secretary read a letter which he had written to the Secretary of that Centre asking that a cheque for the amount short should be sent at an early date. After discussion, the adoption of the Financial Statement was moved by the Secretary, seconded by Mr. H. W. Schonegevel, and agreed to.

Closing of Ballot

at 8.30 p.m. the Chairman declared the Ballot closed and appointed Messrs Ennor and

Louder to act as scrutineers.

Reports of
Evening
Sections

The Report of the Comet Section was read by the Director, Mr W. Reid.

The Report of the Mars Section (Director, Dr. Maunder, M.A., D.Sc.) was read by the Secretary.

The Report of the Meteor Section was read by the Chairman as Director.

Some discussion followed the reading of each Report. The Secretary expressed regret that the Report of the Variable Star Section (Director, Mr. W. M. Worsell, F.R.A.S.) was not to hand. The Secretary was instructed to ask Dr. Maunder to send a selection of drawings of the planet by members, for publication if possible.

Result of
Ballot

The Chairman stated that the nominations received for the undermentioned offices were only sufficient to fill those offices and the following were declared duly elected:-

- President: J. K. E. Halm, Ph.D. F.R.A.S.
- Vice President: H. Spencer Jones M.A. B.Sc., F.R.A.S.
- do. Senator the Hon. A. W. Roberts, D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.R.A.S.
- do. W. M. Worsell, F.R.A.S.
- Secretary: H. E. Houghton
- Treasurer: W. H. Smith
- Auditor: E. J. Steer

The result of the Ballot was as follows:-

Name	Vote	Name	Vote
air long, F.R.A.S.	31	W. B. Jackson M.Sc.	18
W. H. Cox	29	A. F. J. Forbes	15
W. Reid	26	Chas. B. Dutton	11
H. W. Schoniger	25	B. F. J. Gray	10
Dr. Melisore	22	J. A. Stevens	10

Cape Centre was entitled to four representatives and the of these, the Johannesburg Centre was

entitled to two representatives. The Chairman therefore declared the following duly elected as members of Council:-

Messrs Long, Cox, Reid, Schanzenvel, Jackson and Stevens.

An expression of the thanks of the Society was conveyed to Mr. H.E. Houghton, who had acted as Honorary Secretary for some months.

The Chairman mentioned that a donation of £5 had been received from the Natal Astronomical Association. The appreciation of the meeting was expressed.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Kalm