

Minutes of Meeting of Council held at the
Wesleyan Church School, Rosebank, on Monday
10th August. 1928

Present.

Mr Reid, President (In the Chair), Messrs Long,
Cox, Schoenegeval, Forbes, Smith, Mc Intyre and
Mr Robbie (Asst. Hon. Secretary).

Alternates

The President reported that the following
alternates had been appointed:

Mr Cox for Mr Wood.
Mr Mc Intyre for Mr Watson.
Mr Jearcy for Mr Eaton, and
Mr Forbes for Mr Jackson.

Minutes

The President proposed that Mr Geo. Mc Robbie
be appointed Assistant Honorary Secretary during
Mr Houghton's absence. This was sanctioned
and Asst. Hon. Secretary then read the Minutes
of the previous Council Meeting, which were
confirmed.

Correspondence.

Dr Moir's letter, with regard to the
drawings of Mars, which came up for consideration
at our last Meeting, was referred to the Journal
Committee, who were authorised to make a
selection of the drawings to appear in our
next journal. The Secretary was authorised
to forward 33 copies of Journal No 5 to the
Natal Astronomical Association as requested
in their letter dated the 8th July 1928.

The next for consideration were two letters received
from Mr Theodore McKenzie dated 7th and 29th
July 1928. As the President had recently
received a personal letter from Mr McKenzie,

the Council decided that he (the President) answer them direct. The President acquiesced and thereupon obtained the opinion of the Council on certain subjects contained in those letters.

Financial Position

The Treasurer reported a balance of £ 19:3:1. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Smith to the Natal Astronomical Association for their donation of £ 5:0:0. Mr Cox, on behalf of Mr Wood, proposed a vote of thanks to the Cape Centre for their donation of £ 10:0:0. The Johannesburg financial statement was also read which showed a balance in hand of £ 16 9 8

Directors of Observing Sections

Comet Section: Mr Reid was thanked and reappointed Director.
 Mars Section: Dr Moir was reappointed and the Secretary was instructed to send him a letter expressing the Council's thanks for the work he had done during the past year.
 Meteor Section: Mr Mc Intyre was thanked and reappointed Director.
 Variable Star Section: Mr Smith was thanked and reappointed Director.

Editor.

The next item for consideration was the election of Editor. After discussion Mr Spencer-Jones was elected as his residing in Capetown would greatly facilitate the early publishing of the journal. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr Wood for the "Yeoman Service" he had rendered in the past and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr Wood to this effect.

Librarian

Discussion as to the advisability of appointing a Librarian took place. Mr Long proposed that for the present the bulk of the records be left at the residence of Mr Jarey and those required by the Secretary be kept at the house of the President. The motion was carried. The Council accepted Mr Forbe's offer of keeping the books and papers belonging to the Society's library at his office in Capetown.

Report of Journal Committee

The Journal Committee reported that in terms of bye-law No. 7. it was necessary to tender for the publishing of each journal. but as Townshend, Taylor and Snashall had offered a flat rate of 12/6 per page they asked the Council to take advantage of this offer. Townshend, Taylor and Snashall, they reported, were a reliable firm and had done past work well, their quotation for the last journal being the lowest. After consideration by the Council the offer was accepted.

Election of Journal Committee

Messrs Long, Coe, Mc Intyre and the Hon. Secretary were re-elected Journal Committee for the ensuing year. The Council next considered the blocks for the Mars Report, Presidential Address and the Light Curve of Nova Victoria. After discussion the Journal Committee were authorised to go into the matter and make whatever arrangements they saw fit. The drawings, maps etc. were handed over to the new Journal Committee.

Other
Business

The President was authorised to open several letters which had come addressed to the Hon: Secretary during his absence, but finding nothing calling for consideration he handed them over to the Assistant Hon: Secretary to be dealt with. The Meeting then terminated.

William Reid.