

minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Wesleyan Church School, Rosebank, on Tuesday 26th March 1919 at 8 pm.

Present Mr Long (President) in the Chair, Mr Spence Jones, Messrs Burrell, Forbes, Jersey, LeSulzy, Mason, Stonegood & Struycken (Hon. Sec.)

Minutes The Minutes of meeting of 27 & Nov. 1918 were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was laid on the table. A letter of 25th Nov. from the New Zealand Astronomical Socy. (Variable Star Section) and the Secretary's reply were read.

Financial Position In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary read the financial statement dated 19th March showing a balance in hand of £4.19.1. Various sums were still due, including £6.6.0 for the last Journal. The Council approved a payment of £6. for the Var. Star Register. Donations amounting to £8 had been received and the net amount to be met was £15.13.11. Satisfaction was expressed that Barclay's Bank had agreed to waive charges fees in the future. Discussion took place as to the financial position and the prospect of having a credit balance at the end of the year. A detailed statement of the whole position shd. be presented at the next meeting of the Council. Means of raising money by a lecture, subscription list, etc. were considered, and also the possibility of a donation from the Cape Centre. No contribution from the Johannesburg Centre had yet been received.

Journal Committee Mr Long stated that he understood the printers would make an allowance for inferior paper used in the last Journal and it appeared some 23/- had been deducted from their account. It was agreed that the "Cape Times" and the Clyde Printing Works be asked to quote for the next Journal. A book entitled "The Sun,

The "Stars and the Universe" by Adams had been received for review, and Schock's Planetary Tables had been written for. The Council thought that a paper by A. S. King on a meteor seen from S. Africa in 1928, now with the unchangeable, should be submitted to the Editor for inclusion if suitable in the Journal. Correspondence with Armstrong College Library regarding exchange of publications was read.

Overseas Members The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting had not met, but after discussion it was considered that the matter might be met by the Cape Centre paying to the Society the subscriptions of such members in fact.

British Assoc. Visit De Jager stated that Sir J. Dyson & other astronomers would arrive on 20th July. It was suggested that a Social Evening might be arranged to meet them. Diphoo (Convener) and Messrs Long, Madsen & Thompson were appointed a sub-committee to consider arrangements.

Annual Meeting This was due to be held on 24th July, but in view of the foregoing minutes, arrangements were left in abeyance. Mr Long stated he proposed ~~to speak~~ for his Presidential Address to speak on the foundation and development of the Society. The Council cordially approved. It was understood that Mr Wood was willing to accept nomination as President for next year; Mr Long would ask him to confirm this.

Gifts to the Society Various suggestions were made by Mr Dutton (through Mr Hobbs) and others for raising a Reid Memorial Fund or otherwise taking steps to acquire the telescope (a 6 inch Cooke Photo-Visual refractor) for the use of the Society, but it was thought that the expense of housing and mounting the instrument would be too great for the Society to undertake. Now was it certain that it would be adequately employed by

by members. Meanwhile Mr Reid was keeping the telescope in order and had no objection to members using it.

Members in
arrear

The Secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Bennetts who was several years in arrear with his subscription. It was thought that the names of candidates who failed to pay their first subscription and thus become members, should be notified to the Secretary and so that no more journals be sent them after the issue sent them on election to the Society.

Members not
paying first
subscription

The meeting then terminated.

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