

minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Wesleyan Church School, Rosebank on ~~Monday~~ Friday, 21st June 1929 at 8 pm.

Present Mrs Long (President) in the Chair. Dr Spencer Jones, Capt. Cameron-Lyell, Messrs Burrell, Forbes, Jansz, McLutype, Mason, Schmegevel, Smith & Strouton. Mr Cox's continued absence was referred to with regret. (Hon. Secretary)

Death of Dr Mori The Chairman referred to the regretted death of Dr Mori, and the following resolution was passed unanimously, all present standing: "That the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa records with deep regret the death, on the 30th April 1929, of Dr James Mori, M.A., D.Sc., F.C.S. of Johannesburg, a Foundation Member of the Society and the Director of the Uran Section, and that an expression of the Council's sympathy be conveyed to his relatives."

The Secretary read communications to and from the Secretary of Johannesburg Centre (Mr Stevens) who with his father had attended the funeral. It was agreed that an obituary note be prepared for the Journal.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary stated that Dr Bennett had now paid his arrears. The Research Grant Board had approved the appointment of Mr McLutype as a representative of the Society on the S. Afr. Nat. Com. in Astronomy.

Correspondence There was no correspondence of importance to present.

Financial Position The Treasurer referred to his account books, and read details of the receipts and expenditure during the current session. The following amounts were in hand: In Bank £4.3.4; donation Mr Sauerbaker 10/6; contribution from Johannesburg Centre £10.10.6, a total of £15.4.4. The following accounts were due for payment: Balance of Journal £6.6.0; other small sums £2.5.8 (Total £8.11.8), leaving a balance of £6.12.8. In addition some 30/- would probably be received

from the Cape Centre before the end of the session. Discussions took place regarding the delay in paying the Journal account and it was thought the Pharmsby Centre should be reminded that quarterly contributions were desirable. It was agreed to charge Mr T.R. Miles for 12 charts at 6d. each recently supplied for the Universal Standard. In view of the small balance which would remain in hand at the end of the financial year, the following members of Council offered donations amounting to £7.4.0: Capt. Cameron-Swan £2; Mr Percy £3.3.0; Mr Mason £1; Mr Long £1.1.0. These were received with general applause.

Journal Committee.

The Secretary stated that the 'Life of Sir Norman Lockyer' has been received for review. Correspondence with Mr. Macdonald was read regarding the revision of articles by Dr A. King, an English astronomer, on certain matters derived from S. Africa. The Journal Committee would consider the matter, though it was thought the Journal was primarily for the publication of the work of the Society, much of which was still unpublished. Mr Macdonald also referred to a suggestion for an Apikaans article, but the Editor pointed out that the value for world-wide circulation of scientific publications was greatly reduced if they were not in English, French or German; the question of expense would preclude the publication of the same articles in both English and Apikaans. A copy of the Journal of the S. Africa Scientific Society had been received, and that Society was added to the free list.

Nominations for next Council

The lists of members in good standing at 31st May showed the following: Cape Centre 65, Pharmsby Centre 18, giving the latter Centre a quota of between 2 and 3 on the next Council. A representation of 3 was agreed to. The following nominations were handed in:

Office	Name	Proposed:	Secunder
President	H.E. Wood, M.Sc. F.R.S.	Gen. Long	D. Cameron-Iwan
Vice President:	Senator A.W. Roberts J.Sc.	Dy. Malutype	W.H. Smith
do	H. Spencer Jones, M.A. Sc.D.	do.	do.
do	Gen. Long F.R.S.	H. Spencer Jones	Dy. Malutype
Secretary	H.E. Staughton	H.W. Schragevol	Gen. Long
Pressures	W.H. Smith	do.	do.
Members of Council	Capt D. Cameron-Iwan F.R.S.	do.	B.F. Jacey
	Ch. O'B. Dutton	Gen. Long	do.
}	W.B. Jackson, M.Sc.	W. Goddes	A. Forrest
	B.F. Jacey, F.R.S.	Gen. Long	D. Cameron-Iwan
	Dy. Malutype	D. Cameron-Iwan	B.F. Jacey
	H.C. Mason	W.H. Smith	H. Spencer Jones
	H.W. Schragevol	Dy. Malutype	D. Cameron-Iwan
	S. Skewes, M.A. B.Sc.	H. Spencer Jones	H.C. Mason
	Wm. Worsell F.R.S.	Miss H.J. Troughton	A. Forrest
	E. J. Steer	H.W. Schragevol	Gen. Long

The Secretary was instructed to circulate the necessary ballot papers

Annual Report of Council

The Secretary submitted a draft of the Annual Report which after amendment was approved. Dy. Jones mentioned that the selection of a site in Swaziland for a Branch of the Berlin-Heidelberg Observatory was contemplated.

British Association Meeting

Dy. Jones reported that the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting recommended that a Congress be arranged for Friday 26th July at 35 Wile Street, if available, at which the visiting astronomers would be invited to be present and to give short talks on matters of interest. Invitations would be sent to members and associates and their friends: music and refreshments would be provided. This was approved. It was proposed by Dy. Jones, seconded by Capt Cameron-Iwan and agreed that Sir Frank Dyson and Professor A.S. Eddington and W. de Sitter, be invited to accept election as Honorary Members of the Society

Annual
Meeting

After discussion it was decided in view of the British Association Meeting to postpone the Annual Meeting of the Society from the 24th to the 31st July. Discussion followed as to the question of giving up the present meeting-place at the Cape Centre of the Society owing to an increase in the rent, and also the difficulty in finding suitable accommodation elsewhere for the meetings and for the Society's and Centre's Affairs. The Cape Centre was considering the matter.

The meeting then terminated.

B. Spencer Jones