

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of Cape Town held at the Wesleyan Church School, Roxburgh, on Friday, 23rd August 1929 at 8 pm.

Present — J. H. Spence Jones (Vice Pres.) in the chair: Capt Cameron-Swan, Messrs Burrell, Forbes, Jeary, Long, Mason, Scherzger, Smith & Tompkins (Hon. Secretary)

The Chairman expressed the Council's congratulations to Mr Forbes on his recent discovery of a comet.

Alternates The Secretary stated the following had been appointed: Mr Mason as alternate for Mr Wood
 .. Burrell Dr Roberts
 .. Forbes Mr Jackson

Mr Stewes was willing to act for Mr Woodwell who had been so informed but had not yet replied.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. Mr Scherzger stated that the Cape Club had decided to meet at the Mountain Club Room, King Street, which was quite suitable and where an epidiascope was available. Mr Long reported that the Conference held on the 26th July had not in all about £16, including the S.O. path repairs. Analyses of what had been received and it was hoped ^{to meet} the whole charge in that way. Thanks were due to his grace, Mr Long & Mr Watson & to the Caretakers at the Odd-fellows Hall for assistance in arranging so successful a gathering.

Correspondence The Secretary laid on the table the letters received copies of those written since the last meeting, including letters from country members, Messrs Sanson & van Rensburg and replies, and a letter of 15 August from Mr. Innes, dealing with the visit to Portora of Sir J. Dyson, Dr Kinn-Sher & Prof. P. Gathorne deshayes about observing conditions.

Financial Position The Treasurer submitted his statement showing balance on 1st July was £28.8.2 and amount now in hand £21.12.1. A resolution was agreed by the Chairman & Secretary regarding the continuance of the Society's Account at Barclay's Bank, Wynberg.

Appointments Map Section: After discussion Mr Jeary was appointed Director
Comet Section: Mr Forbes was thanked & reappointed Director

Verbal Section: Mr. Cross was reappointed Director and the Secretary was instructed to thank him for his services

Meteor Section: Mr. MacKenzie - do - do - do

Computing Section: Dr. James - do - do - do

Mr. MacKenzie was reappointed Secretary of the Section

Editor: Dr. Hennessey was thanked & reappointed

Librarian: Mr. Forbes do - do - do

Burrell was now Librarian of the Cape Centre at the Mountain Club Room, it was agreed that the Society's library be based there also & that Mr. Burrell might be appointed joint Librarian later

S. Afr. Nat Committee in Astronomy: Mr. Jackson was appointed a representative of the Society in place of the late Dr. Morris.

Journal Committee

The Secretary mentioned the matter in hand for the next Journal. Letters to & from the Secretary of the Johannesburg Centre were read regarding a portrait of Dr. Morris of which the Centre ^{would} provide copies for the Journal. A memoir had been written by Mr. Wood.

Tenders for printing

Mr. Long stated he had obtained a tender from the Lytle Printing Works which appeared lower than the present rates but could not easily be compared. He hoped to obtain their price per page. The Journal Committee were authorized to consider the tender and accept it if advantageous.

350 Journals

The Council approved of 350 copies of the Journal being printed in future.

A letter from Mr. C. L. Dutton was read regarding his note of a naked eye observation of a suspected occultation of Mars by the Moon on 18 Feb 1929. However it had been seen with field glasses etc. in the neighbourhood of many present as a near approach and not an occultation it was not thought suitable to publish Mr. Dutton's note. The Secretary mentioned that

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New Journal bears on, says Halshyne the ~~form~~ were reported
Committee members of the Journal Committee.

He was afraid that in duplicate, & address, a date
 of delivery would be obtained of all members and
 possibly, present and future, as occasion permitted

The meeting was terminated.

A. Spencer Jones