

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of
Seymour held at the Longs house, Camalden, Mollison Road,
Howroy on Monday, 16th June 1930 at 8pm.

Present

Dr H. Spencer Jones (Hon. Pres.) in the Chair, Messrs Russell,
Forbes, Jeary, Long, Mason, Schmeppel, Skinner, Smith, Hampton
(Hon. Secretary)

Mr McIntyre was absent through indisposition

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and after a
correction were confirmed.

There was no general correspondence to report.

Financial
Position

The Treasurer read his financial statement of 16 June, showing
balance in hand £19.8. An amount of £210.6 was still
due to the Association in respect of the printing of the last Journal
and small sums for postage. No contribution had yet been
received from the Wharfedale Centre ~~etc~~ as required by the
Constitution. The Secretary was instructed to send a further
reminder and it was suggested that the President might
explain to that Centre the desirability of sending a quarterly
contribution as laid down in Article IX. Mr Jeary
kindly gave a donation of £1.1.0 derived in part through
the payment by the Longs Times for a photo of polar star trails
taken at his Observatory. He also suggested that slides of
astronomical subjects might be exhibited by the local societies
as a means of arousing interest in Astronomy & of raising funds.

Report of
Council

The Secretary read a letter (by hand) from the President, con-
gratulating the Council on the last Journal and making a
suggestion that articles in light to view ~~than~~ as well as the
usual reports should be inserted. Members made various
recommendations for including notes of special interest on
coming occultations, eclipses, ~~and~~ opposition of Mars, etc. and

The Editor undertook to consider any suggestions made. Correspondence with Prof. Guthrie was had & it was agreed to call the Berlin - Babelsberg Observatory to the Society. The Secretary reported various volumes received for review & passed to the Editor. Mr. Jay was asked to compile an obituary note of the late Mr. A. Bull, a foundation member of the Society and a former Librarian of the Cape Astronomical Assoc.

Annual Meeting

The Secretary read letters of 28 March & 30 May from the President. To suit Mr. Wood's convenience it was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting (at which Mr. Wood's Presidential Address on "The Expansion of the Universe" would be given) on the 16th July, one week earlier than the usual date. After discussion it was decided that the Agenda of the Meeting should be as follows: Council's Report & ~~Balance Sheet~~ Financial Statement; Presidential Address; Love of Ballot; Observing Section Reports; and result of Ballot. It was proposed by Mr. Jay, seconded by Mr. Forbes & on a vote decided to insert an advertisement in the Cape Times, & to send a notice of the meeting to the Press.

Nominations

The Secretary stated that there were in good standing at the 31st May, 67 members of the Cape Centre & 18 of the Johannesburg Centre. The Council agreed to allot 3 seats on the Council to the latter Centre.

The following nominations were received:-

Office	Name	Proposed.	Seconded
President.	Capt. W. Lamson - Swan, FRPS & SA (Inst)		Mr. Long Mr. Schoneveld
Vice Pres.	H. Spencer Jones, M.A. Sc.D. F.R.S.		Mr. Schoneveld Mr. Long

Vice Pres:	R. Watson	{ Mr. Schoneveld " Mason
do.	H.E. Wood, M.Sc., F.R.A.S.	{ Dr. Stencas Jones Mr. Houghton
Hon. Secretary:	S. Skewes, M.A., B.Sc.	{ Mr. Burrell Mr. Long
Hon. Treasurer:	W.H. Smith	{ Dr. Stencas Jones Mr. Jeary
Members of Council:	H. Horrocks, M.A., F.R.A.S.	{ Dr. Stencas Jones Mr. Skewes
do.	H.E. Houghton, F.R.A.S.	{ " Smith " Schoneveld
do.	W.B. Jackson M.Sc.	
do.	B.F. Jeary, F.R.A.S., F.R.M.S.	{ " Long " Mason
do.	A.W. Long F.R.A.S.	{ " Schoneveld " Jeary
do.	H.C. Mason	{ " Jeary " Houghton
do.	D.G. McIntyre	{ " Schoneveld " Smith
do.	H.W. Schoneveld	{ " Long " Jeary
do.	Miss H.L. Troughton	
Hon. Auditor	E. J. Steer	{ " Schoneveld " Houghton

(Note: In the event of Capt. Cameron - having been unable to accept nomination, it was the wish of the Council that Mr. McIntyre should be nominated as President)

Draft of Annual Report The draft Annual Report of the Council was read over by paragraphs & after amendment was approved.

Councils.

The Chairman expressed the gratification of the Council to the fact on the recent discovery of his third comet. A comet found lately by Mr. Blackwelder had been discovered in the Northern Hemisphere, but the later observations were very valuable as its orbit had been uncertain.

Visit Dr.
Stevenson

Dr. Schuyler stated that Dr. Stevenson would address the Annual Meeting of the Cape Centre on the 9th July.

The meeting then terminated

D. Cameron-Swan.
Capt.