

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 5th May 1965 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lagerweij ( in the Chair ), Drs. Cousins, Evans, Fuhr, Stoy, Messrs Atkins, Bentley, Bondiotti, Churms, Orpen, Smits and the Hon. Secretary

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs Meadows and Russo.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 17th February 1965 were read and confirmed after the following amendment: "Council agreed that 100 Rand be used to enable volumes of MNASSA, B.A.A. Journals, and Sky and Telescope, to be bound as soon as possible".

Arising out of the Minutes, Mr. Bondiotti reported that MNASSA had been bound and the volumes received from the binders, while the B.A.A. Journals and "Sky and Telescope" were being bound. The total cost was 98 Rand.

A list of books available on loan was being compiled.

The Financial Statement, read and presented by Mr. Orpen, was as follows:

Financial Statement as on 5th May, 1965

<u>Expenditure</u>	R.	c.	<u>Receipts</u>	R.	c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period July 1964 to March 1965	600	78	Credit Balance 1/7/1964	341	33
Cost of production of MNASSA for period July 1964 to April 1965 and of Handbook	488	90	<u>Subscriptions</u>		
Postage on "Sky and Telescope" and MNASSA for above period and on Handbook for 1965	111	50	Arrears	27	90
Stationery	74	18	Current	1261	50
Postage, other than above	14	26	Advance	22	50
Essay Competition Prizes	16	50	Entrance Fees		47 50
Addressograph Plates	4	18	Sale of MNASSA		207 13
Material for repairs and improvements to Epidiascope	3	88	Sale of Handbooks		14 40
Binding volumes of MNASSA	24	00	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"		5 10
Bank charges	13	37	Donations		3 00
Credit Balance 5/5/1965	593	05	Interest on Building Society Shares		11 25
			Commission on cheques		2 99
	<u>R 1944</u>	<u>60</u>		<u>R 1944</u>	<u>60</u>

Garrett Orpen  
Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Orpen reported that Mr. J. C. Bentley of Port Elizabeth was displeased at the omission of his name from the recent Address List. The Hon. Secretary was asked to write a letter of apology for the omission.

The following whose names have appeared in MNASSA were elected Members:

Mr. R. MacDonald, 47 Good Hope Street, Kensington, Johannesburg  
Mr. J. L. Newburg, 15 High Street, Berea, Johannesburg  
Mr. J. L. Hewitson, Ohlsson's Cape Breweries Ltd., P. O. Box 12,  
Claremont, Cape  
Miss E. F. Dickson, 11 Clifton Terrace, Observatory, Cape

Mr. W. C. Bentley, 109 Camp Ground Road, Rondebosch, Cape, was elected Business Manager of MNASSA in place of Mr. H. E. Krumm who has been transferred to Langebaanweg.

Council recorded its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Krumm for his assistance with MNASSA in the past. The Hon. Secretary was asked to convey the above to Mr. Krumm.

A letter from the Hon. Secretary, Port Elizabeth Centre, gave notice that it had been decided by the Committee to dissolve that Centre from July 1. Mr. Maasdorp wanted assurance that the Observatory Society (Port Elizabeth) would be allowed to join as an Institutional Member. This was agreed to.

The Minutes of a Transvaal Centre Committee meeting held on the 13th January 1965 were read to the meeting by Mr. Lagerweij. The Transvaal Centre were thanked for sending the Minutes.

The Hon. Secretary reported the despatch of 10 copies of the Council's comments on the Monnig Report to the Prime Minister's Office in reply to a request from the Secretary of the Scientific Advisory Council.

Paris Observatory had been placed on the mailing list for MNASSA.

The next Council meeting would be held on the 16th June 1965.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

A. Menzies  
Hon. Secretary

*A. Lagerweij*  
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