

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE A.A.V.S.O.
HELD AT STEWARD OBSERVATORY, TUCSON, ARIZONA
MAY 27, 1972.

The Saturday morning business meeting was called to order by President Charles M. Good at 9:50 a.m., MST. Following announcements concerning program changes, the Secretary's minutes of the October 1971 general meeting were read and approved with corrections. Richard H. Davis summarized his interim Treasurer's Report as of 3/31/72, which showed a total Endowment Fund market value of over \$946,000 as of that date, with an estimated operating deficit of \$3,400 by the end of the fiscal year 1971-72. The Treasurer stated that during the past six months the Association had received a definite ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service which confirms the AAVSO as an organization qualified to receive contributions from donors with maximum deductible privileges to the donors. He also stated that fiscal 1971-1972 might well be the last year in which operating budget deficits would have to be met by further withdrawals from the accumulated income account of the Endowment Fund, thus indicating that by October of 1973 the AAVSO would possibly reach its long-time goal of full self-sufficiency within the income provided directly by the Endowment Fund plus dues and other non-recurring income sources.

Following questions, the Treasurer's Report was approved, and the Director, Mrs. Margaret Mayall read a list of 54 new general memberships and 4 new transfers to sustaining membership approved by the Council at its meeting on May 26, 1972.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by its Chairman, Arthur J. Stokes, as follows:

Nominated for Election to the Council
in October 1972

Dr. Dorrit Hoffleit	Priscilla Bibber
Lawrence E. Hazel	John E. Bortle
Howard J. Landis	Dr. Martha S. Carpenter

Michael Mattei

The interim report of the Solar Division was read by Keith Strait, Editor of the AAVSO Solar Bulletin. This report initiated a discussion of the feasibility of reporting solar as well as variable-star observations directly on punched computer cards prepared by individual observers. Charles Scovil, who is already reporting in this manner for variable stars, described the process and recommended it for all observers who have access to card-punching equipment.

Mrs. Mayall reported for the chart committee, stating that during the past six months about 6,600 blueprinted charts had been issued and about 6,000 new blueprints purchased, with a current balance on hand of about 20,500 charts. The reports of the Eclipsing Binary and RR Lyrae Committees were summarized by Mrs. Mayall, and later amended by remarks by Leonard Kalish. He stated that copies of about 50 charts for these stars are now available as black-on-white prints. Mr. Scovil reported that data concerning all regular blueprint AAVSO Charts had been put on punch-cards and from these a new Chart

Catalog had been prepared. He stated that the new up-to-date catalog would be available from AAVSO Headquarters. Mr. Ford deferred until the paper session remarks on the new catalog of pencil-traced temporary or in-process charts prepared by himself.

The report of the Photoelectric Photometry Committee was read by its Chairman Arthur J. Stokes. He stated that at least 4 observers continue to be active in this field.

Clinton B. Ford, Chairman of the newly appointed temporary AAVSO Search Committee, gave a resumé of that Committee's efforts since October 1971 to assemble a list of possible successors to Mrs. Mayall as Director of the AAVSO upon her eventual retirement. The preliminary list of candidates was reported to the Council at its meeting on May 26, 1972.

The Director presented an informal interim report of activities at Cambridge, Mass. Headquarters since October 1971. Personnel employment problems were described; the newly - expanded office facilities acquired during the summer of 1971 were stated as now in full operation; problems were described arising from the agreement with Prof. Kukarkin in Russia concerning the exchange of Astrophysical Journal subscriptions for copies of the 1969 Russian General Catalog of Variable Stars. This led to some discussion in view of the fact that only 4 or 5 sets of the Russian catalog volumes now remain at Headquarters. Mrs. Mayall stated that the long-awaited goal of getting published AAVSO observations up to date is finally in sight, with reports received during calendar year 1969 now being card-punched.

Thomas A. Cragg reported briefly for the Classical Cepheid Committee, stating that a full report would be forthcoming in a paper he would present during the afternoon session. He specifically requested that observations of classical Cepheids be sent directly to him, as well as to Headquarters.

The meeting was opened for papers at 11:25 a.m. and two papers were presented before adjournment at 12 noon.

The Saturday afternoon session was called to order at 2:10 PM by First Vice-Pres. Charles Scovil. He prefaced the papers session with the following announcements: 1. Observations intended for publication in the AAVSO Circular should be sent each month to both John Bortle and to Headquarters; 2. Efforts would be made very soon to prepare a chart for observing the new supernova 133431b in NGC 5253 (Centaurus); 3. Efforts were under way to start publication of a new Journal Of The AAVSO, to be edited by Dr. William H. Glenn of New York City.

The rest of the afternoon session was devoted to the presentation of papers. Details or abstracts of all papers appear elsewhere in this issue of the Journal Of The AAVSO. The Saturday afternoon session adjourned at 4:00 p.m., MST.

Members and guests assembled as scheduled for the banquet at the Flamingo Hotel on Saturday evening. Following the banquet, Mr. Cragg gave an illustrated talk concerning his recent trip to Australia and New Zealand, describing contacts there with leading southern variable star observers F. M. Bateson, A. F. Jones, and others.

On Sunday May 28, 1972 a trip to Kitt Peak National Observatory was held. This trip, and the events on the evening of Friday May 26, 1972, highlighted by the speech of Dr. Bart J. Bok to the Association's members and guests, were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Clinton B. Ford
Secretary