

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE AAVSO
HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, WINNIPEG,
MANITOBA, CANADA ON SATURDAY JUNE 28, 1974

The AAVSO business meeting was called to order by President Scovil at 3:25 PM. A total of 19 members was present. The Secretary's minutes of the October 1973 General Meeting were approved as corrected. The Director, Mrs. Mattei, read a list of new membership applications which, including additions later made at this meeting, totalled 43 adult, 18 student, 2 new sustaining, 1 group, and 2 changes to sustaining memberships approved by the Council at this meeting.

The report of the Nominating Committee, as presented to the Council at its meeting on June 28, 1974, was read by its Chairman Mr. Brock. The President announced that the AAVSO Treasurer, Richard H. Davis, had resigned his post, effective June 1, 1974, after submitting a detailed interim report as of May 31, 1974. This report was discussed and approved. The President further announced that the AAVSO Council on June 28, 1974 elected R. Newton Mayall to serve as AAVSO Treasurer until the annual meeting in October 1974.

Further Committee reports were presented per the following list.

Solar Division	Casper Hossfield
Occultations	John E. Bortle
Chart Distribution	Janet A. Mattei
New Charts	Clinton B. Ford
Nova Search	Carmine V. Borzelli
Eclipsing and RR Lyrae	Marvin E. Baldwin
Classical Cepheid	Thomas A. Cragg
Telescope Loan	Charles E. Scovil
Variable Star Atlas	C. E. Scovil & C. B. Ford

Discussion followed concerning problems arising in connection with financing the Variable Star Atlas project, which was started in February 1974. President Scovil and Secretary Ford reported that some details of this matter had precipitated the resignation of Treasurer Davis.

Mrs. Mattei gave an informal interim Director's Report as of June 1, 1974, reporting that (1) standard AAVSO charts would be produced only in black-on-white format in the future, due to the blue-printing process being no longer available; (2) that all data used in AAVSO Reports 28 and 29 were now on computer tape, and Report 30 would be published sometime in the summer of 1974; (3) that many observation reports were received at Headquarters in non-standard form, making them difficult to use and to accredit, and (4) that the number of requests for information from professional astronomers had continued to increase in the past six months. She also noted that while most such requests come from professionals, our own members could avail themselves of our data also.

The Director also announced that plans had been finalized for holding the 1974 annual meeting of the AAVSO at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., on October 18-19, 1974.

Following a further discussion regarding the use and storage of magnetic computer tapes, the meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

At the joint AAVSO-RASC papers session held earlier in the day nine AAVSO papers were presented. A complete list is attached.

Clinton B. Ford
Secretary

List of papers published in full or in abstract in this issue.

New Elements For Some Eclipsing Binary Stars, II
Marvin E. Baldwin

Visual Techniques For Faint Observations With Small Telescopes
Ernst Mayer

Visual Observations of Eight Cepheids In Cassiopeia
Bruce Small

Variable Stars Observed in Infrared and Visual Radiation
Edwin Weston

Relationships in Waldmeier Grouping, Solar Flares
MaryJane Taylor

Other papers presented:

A Possible Correlation Between Jovian Decametric Outbursts
and Io Sodium Emission

Nathan Cohen: Data obtained from several observatories and the literature were analyzed, and a possible correlation between sodium emission from Io and Jovian Decametric bursts was noted.

Animated Algol

A computer-prepared film on Algol by M. Littleton Meeks of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was introduced and explained by Michael Mattei.

Newly Revised Catalog of Preliminary Charts

Clinton Ford: A brief description of the newly revised Catalog of Preliminary AAVSO Charts. (See Committee Reports for further details.)

SS Cygni - From Discovery To Present

Janet A. Mattei: To be published in the next issue.