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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

at the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of Members, held in the Iscor Recreation Club, Pretoria, on Saturday, 30th October, 1965, at 4 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. J. K. du Toit (in the Chair), Messrs. D. G. Beadle, D. W. Bradley, V. A. H. Burton, E. Dickinson, M. M. Freeman, B. N. Penny, R. D. Stephen, D. R. Winchester, and 10 other members.

The Chairman declared the meeting duly constituted.

The Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting, held in October, 1964, which had been published in "Amateur Photography," were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

The notice convening the meeting and the signed copy of the accounts and of the directors and auditors, for the year ended 30th June, 1965, were laid upon the table. It was unanimously agreed that the auditors' report be taken as read.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is once more my pleasure and privilege to address you on the affairs of your Society.

A great deal has happened during the year under review and it is rather unfortunate that I must apologise for and express concern over certain matters which have not happened. More of this later.

Our membership is showing a slow but steady increase, and I have little doubt that it will continue to do so. During the year a special sub-committee was appointed to go into the question of membership, with specific terms of reference, viz.:

- (a) To determine whether it is not advisable to create a special type of membership, viz., associate members, who become members through their affiliation with member clubs at a much reduced fee and who will not receive our Society's official journal, and
- (b) To investigate the question of what P.S.S.A. is doing for individual members and to advise on how this could be improved upon.

The Sub-Committee's findings were that the introduction of the suggested new type of membership was not justified at this stage, and that P.S.S.A. is doing, or is prepared to do, a great deal for individual members, if they will only avail themselves of the Society's facilities. Let me say also, that your Board of Directors will more than welcome any suggestions, or constructive criticism, coming from individual members.

During the course of the year our previous official journal, "Amateur Photography," was absorbed by "Photography and Travel," and the latter has now become our official journal. We express our thanks to its Editorial staff, and wish to compliment them on the consistently high standard that they have maintained to date. You will probably note that "Photography and Travel" is selling at 30 cents per copy (or R3.60 per annum). By becoming an individual member of the P.S.S.A. at the present subscription rate means an individual saving of 45 cents. We cannot, however, guarantee that it will remain so.

We sincerely regret the fact that there was no Congress this year. This was not due to an oversight of your Board, nor for the lack of trying. Unfortunately, due to circumstances apparently beyond their control, the member club which offered to act as host for Congress had to withdraw its invitation at the last moment. We then proceeded with an attempt to organise Congress in Durban during the Easter weekend of 1966. Again this has become an impossibility, and we will now have to make other arrangements, i.e., either for a rally somewhere over Easter, or for Congress in October, 1966, in Durban. We are well

aware of a decision taken at Amanzimtoti in 1961 to hold Congresses in October of each year. Subsequent to that decision a South African Salon Calendar was introduced, requiring as an absolute necessity the holding of the Protea Salon in early April of each year. We thought it better to associate Congress with the Salon than with the A.G.M.

As for holding the A.G.M. in October, with our present arrangements of closing our financial year on June 30th, we can hardly postpone the A.G.M. to a date later than October. Should we, however, decide to close our financial year at the end of February, time will be too short for the auditing of books and the giving of 21 days' notice to hold the A.G.M. in April. The matter, however, will receive the immediate attention of the incoming Board.

As for our finances, we must report certain expenditures during the current year which were unavoidable, but will not recur for a long time to come. I am referring to the making of a new die and fifty service medals, the purchase of Lion Trophies, the printing of the New Constitution and Honours Diplomas, etc. The item referring to representation at UNIKA by a delegate from our Society will probably not be an annual one, but we feel that it is a great honour and to our advantage to be so represented. In spite of all this our finances are still sound, and I am convinced that there will be a steady upward trend as from now on.

I wish to thank Mr. Colin Marik, A.P.S.(S.A.), E.F.I.A.P., for the great amount of work he so efficiently carried out as treasurer of P.S.S.A. and very much regret to announce his resignation as director and treasurer.

I also wish to announce, with regret, the resignations from the Board of Mr. Steve D'Elboux, A.P.S.(S.A.), and Mr. Steve Scolly. As there were no new nominations for new directors, and as the retiring directors remain eligible for re-election, they will all remain on the Board for a new term of office. The vacancies created will be filled by co-opting persons acceptable to the remaining directors; and it goes without saying that acceptability will be synonymous with preparedness to do a job of work.

Not only because it is customary but because it is truly a great pleasure, I would like to thank all the directors not only for their loyal support, but for the great and efficient amount of work they have put into the various divisions and sections. A notable success this year was the Honours and Awards Committee under Chairmanship of Ted Dickinson, F.P.S.(S.A.), A.R.P.S., A.I.B.P. No less than 19 applications were received for the Associateship—of which 10 were successful. Considering that the judging was carried out all over South Africa, the efficiency with which this was done commands special praise. Thanks, therefore, to Ted and his committee and also to all those who have participated in the judging. Certain changes are envisaged in the rules and requirements regarding the various honours; if accepted, these will be published in due course.

I also wish to thank that stalwart of our Society in Durban, Mr. Lionel Bevis, Hon. Member, for maintaining the high standard of work in the Tape Recorded Lectures Division.

Thanks to our Company Secretary, Mr. Brannie Penny, for sorting out all the amendments to our Constitution and recompiling it so efficiently. The Constitution has now been reprinted and copies are obtainable from our secretary on payment of 25 cents.

We are also deeply indebted to Dennis Bradley, A.P.S.(S.A.), for the amount of work he has carried out as Secretary, member of the Honours and Awards Committee, etc. His task is not an easy one, with little praise attached to it and lots of sniping criticism. Thank you, Denis, for the way in which you handled this most difficult post.

Thanks are also due to Mr. Mike Winchester for putting new life into the portfolio section; to Monty Freeman, A.P.S.(S.A.), for his work in the Honours and Awards Committee; to Vernon Burton for handling the journal section so well; to John Geldard of the Colour Division; Graham Cousins of the Film Library; Russell Stephen of the Congress Committee; Derrick Beadle, who is always outstanding and a real pillar of strength in the Motion Picture Division; and all the other directors who have, in one way or another, contributed towards the efficient running of your organisation. Also to those members of the Protea Salon Committee, for all they are doing to make my task an easy one.

Our thanks also to our auditors, Messrs. Goldberg, Kuhn and Lanesman of Pretoria, whom I would like to see reappointed.

Last, but not least my thanks to all of you who have attended the Annual General Meeting here today.

J. K. DU TOIT, President.

The Chairman then formally moved that the Directors' Report and the Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1965, be approved and adopted and that all matters and things undertaken and discharged by the directors on behalf of the Society be confirmed.

Mr. D. W. Bradley said that he wished to correct a statement in the Presidential Report regarding the findings of the committee appointed to investigate the desirability of introducing a form of "Associate Membership," which would be acquired by all members of affiliated societies and clubs, in place of the current Ordinary Membership. This committee, of which he had been a member, had reported that the introduction of "Associate Membership" was desirable. The Board had raised some points which had not been considered by this committee and had appointed another committee, with wider terms of reference, to investigate membership. The findings of the second committee were as reported by the President.

Mr. D. W. Bradley asked why the directors in Durban were unable to organise Congress there at Easter, 1966. They had been asked to do so in April, 1965, and this should have given them sufficient time.

The President read letters from Messrs. A. L. Bevis and L. A. Peyton giving the following reasons why Congress could not be held in Durban at Easter:—

1. Durban hotels would not accept block bookings at that season.
2. No official invitation had been extended to the Durban Camera Club.
3. The weather was not suitable and many people were away from Durban at that time of the year.

Both letters suggested that Durban Camera Club be asked to organise Congress in October, 1966, and that annual general meeting be held during Congress.

The President said that Bethlehem Camera Club had agreed to organise Congress in Bethlehem during Easter, 1967. He pointed out that owing to the rearrangement of the South African Salon Calendar it would not be possible to organise the Protea Salon to coincide with Congress in October.

After some further discussion it was resolved that Congress be held in Durban during October, 1966, and that the Board negotiate with Bethlehem Camera Club regarding the 1967 Congress.

The motion for the adoption of the report and accounts was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Goldberg, Kuhn and Lanesman were re-appointed auditors to the Society.

The remuneration to be paid to the auditors was fixed at R60 being R30 in respect of the year ended 30th June, 1965, and R30 in respect of the previous year.

Mr. S. W. R. D'Elboux reported that I.S.C.O.R. had notified him that it had decided to recognise Associateship as a professional qualification.

Mr. D. W. Bradley stated that he had not informed the Society in writing that he wished to stand for

These pictures, taken by Mr. K. R. Walter Hergt during the presentations in Pretoria, show (1) Mr. Colin Marik receiving his A.P.S.(S.A.) from the President, Dr. Jan du Toit; (2) and (3) Mr. Ted Dickinson presenting Dr. du Toit with the A.P.S.(S.A.) and addressing the gathering immediately after; and (4) the great South African pictorialist Mr. Will Till receiving the Hon. F.P.S.(S.A.) from the President.

