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X A Very Happy Christmas to all Members and a Peaceful and X
X Prosperous New Year with many exciting shell finds! X
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MEETING.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, 15th December at 8.15 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the S.A. Museum. Mr. E. Dee, of Durban will tell us about his skin-diving and show some of his rare finds.

To make this last meeting of the year a more festive occasion, will the ladies please bring a plate of cakes etc. with them?

Competition. A prize will be awarded for the best arrangement of shells suitable as a decoration for a Christmas table. You may use sea-weed etc. as well, so come on, show your ingenuity and let us have a really good display!

All this and a film too! We are hoping to have, and this time have a fair chance of getting, Walt Disney's "Mysteries of the Deep", so with all these attractions, we expect a bumper attendance.

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N.B. There will be NO circular or meeting in January, but please forward your articles as usual.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the S.A. Museum on 17th November, 1964.

1. The meeting was well attended. Mr. P. Elston, in the chair, welcomed members and conveyed greetings received from Dr. Frank Talbot in Australia and from Mr. B. L. Cock of the Natal Group, a gesture appreciated by all present.
2. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were then read by the Secretary and adopted on a motion put by Mr. J. Walker and seconded by Mrs. H. Bradner.
3. The Secretary then read her report as follows:-

The Secretary's Report for the Period ending 17th November, 1964.

In this sixth annual report, we record that the membership of the Society at the end of June, 1964 was 163. This was as follows:-
117 Ordinary Members, 3 Honorary Members, 4 Life Members, 20 Corresponding Members and 19 Students.

Since our last Annual General Meeting, two of our members have died - Dr. K. H. Parnard, our first Honorary Member and Mrs. E. Nuttal Smith.

Nine evening meetings have been held and three Field Days. During this period, Circulars 48 to 59 have been published, containing 91 pages and two crossword puzzles.

The attendance at the meetings is very satisfactory and the shell displays, outstanding. Mrs. C. M. Connolly faithfully brings part of the Reference Collection to every meeting, and this is of great benefit to members, especially as she is always willing to assist in identification. Her "Cupboard Fund" now stands at R32.00 and she deserves a special vote of thanks for contributing her own shells to raise this money.

The Border and Natal Groups of the Society continue to flourish and are doing good work in keeping the members together. Mr. B. L. Cock took

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over the Metal Group from Mr. P.Elston, their loss being our gain.
 Dr. F.H.Talbot who was Vice-President on the Council, has gone to Australia, his place being taken by Mr. Elston.

We should like to thank the Director of the S.A.Museum for making this hall available for our meetings, and his staff for their courteous assistance, especially Mr. John Grindley, who also shows the films.

My thanks too, to Mrs. Jean Ward and others for their help in stapling the circulars. Last, but not least, I would like to thank my fellow members of the Council for their help and support during the last year.

L.Kerr (Mrs.) Hon. Secretary.

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4. The Librarian then read her report:-

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

During the year, we have added 9 books and pamphlets to the Library. Donations for the Cupboard total R27.50 and we hope to have it soon.

The Dr. J.Morris Cohen Collection of books is now in circulation and I should like to thank Mr. Raymond Pollard for his help in covering them in plastic.

Will members borrowing books by post please note that they must be returned by registered post and wrapped between two pieces of cardboard in thick paper and strong string. Some of the books borrowed have been returned in bad condition.

L.Kerr. Librarian.

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5. The Treasurer's report was then read:-

Statement of Account as at 30th June, 1964.

Natal Building Society as at 1.7.63.	167	18	Secretary's expenses	35	54
Interest on N.B.S. 13.16			Circular expenses	59	67
Donations, cupboard. 15.05			Printing and stationary	24	94
Bank exchange .20	28	41	Meeting expenses	11	70
Circular Sales	8	90	Postages	24	70
Entrance Fees	28	00	Library Expenses	15	98
<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>			Library Insurance	20	05
Paid in arrears 15.70			Zoological Society Membership	10	00
Current year 103.60			Balance at		
Prepaid. 28.53	148	03	Natal Building Society	177	94
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6. A brief Vote of thanks to Mrs.L.Kerr the Secretary/Librarian and to Miss M.G.Kempthorne, the Treasurer, for their unselfish and tireless work on behalf of the Society, proposed by Mr. D.Freeman, was applauded by the meeting.

7. Amendments to Constitution

Rule 8 The proposed amendment was accepted and the rule now reads:-

"All members, other than Student Members, shall pay an entrance fee of R1 on application for membership. The annual subscription of the Society shall be R1 for ordinary Members and 75 cents for Corresponding Members payable immediately after election.

Rule 16 Mr.H.Finchem proposed a modification to the previous proposal. On being seconded by Mr.D.Freeman this new proposal was passed by majority vote of those present.

