

MINUTES OF THE 1997 ANNUAL MEETING
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - HALIFAX CENTRE

November 21, 1997.

The meeting was called to order at about 20h27m by Dave Chapman, President

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes for the 1996 Annual Meeting were approved. Moved by MLW, seconded by DL, motion carried.

3. Reports from members of the Executive

3a - President - 1997 has been an eventful year what with Comet Hale-Bopp and the opening of our own new observatory in St. Croix which heralded a "new era of clubdom" for the centre. NE was a success, Roy Bishop had an asteroid named after him, Heather Cameron was awarded the Ken Chilton Prize, all in all, a great year for Halifax Centre.

Motion to accept report of the President - moved by Steve (last name?), seconded by Darrin Talbot, motion carried.

3b - 1st VP - 2 sessions of public boardwalk observing were very successful this year. There has been no public observing at St. Croix yet but there will be in the near future. Maritime Museum of the Atlantic wants an update on our public observing activities for next summer so that they can publish same in the museum newsletter.

3c - 2nd VP - CS reported that we lost out on sales last year due to the lateness of arrival of the 1997 Observer's Handbook. The 1998 Handbooks, BOG's, calendars and comet photos are all selling well.

3d - NN Editor - December will be the last NN issue for Editor Dave Lane who has served in this capacity for 6 years. Shawn Mitchell will take over as new NN Editor in January. Deadline for next issue is December 12/97.

3e - Nat'l Rep - National RASC has surplus this year of \$42000; Journal is firing present production design house and hiring Brian Segal in their place. We have a new Journal in 1997, Sky News is part of membership now, there is a new format for the Society's Annual Report, and the calendar is now a national publication. Memberships are being handled by University of Toronto Press and the bugs seem to be working out of the system so we look forward to a smoother membership administration in the future. Memberships are on the increase both at the Centre and National levels.

3f - librarian - there are 14 new books in the Centre library in 1997.

Motion to accept reports of Vice Presidents, NN Editor, National Rep and Librarian: moved by Wilf Morley, seconded by Shawn Mitchell, motion carried.

3g - treasurer - Ian Anderson reports that 1997 was a good year financially for the Centre. We operated with a small loss due to the observatory project but the net worth of the Centre is up as a result. Assets stand at \$31,600. A full report will be published in Nova Notes.

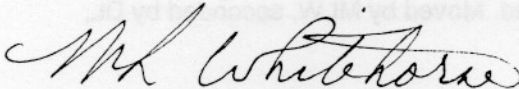
Motion to accept Treasurer's report: moved by Blair MacDonald, seconded by Shawn Mitchell, motion carried.

4. Appointment of Auditor

Motion to appoint Walter Zukauskas as auditor for the upcoming year - moved by Clint Shannon, seconded by Blair MacDonald, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn: moved by Dave Lane, seconded by all present, motion carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 21h04m by Captain Chapman.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Lou Whitehorne,
Secretary, Halifax Centre RASC