

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
"Halifax Centre"

AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING

Meeting #1 of 1989
January 20, 1989

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
✓1 Approval of Agenda		
✓2 Minutes of last meeting:	December 16, 1988	
✓3 Approval of minutes		
✓4 Business arising from minutes		
✓5 1989 Welcome	JY	
✓6 National Council Business	RB	
✓7 Report from Planetarium Committee	DP	
—8 Status of Slide Set Project	MLW	
✓9 Re-instate 2nd Monthly Meeting	RB	
✓10 Invoicing of Delinquent Members	RB	
11 Library Purchase Proposal	HT	
—12 Copy of Astronomy Day Handbook	MLW	
13 Len Larkin TV interviews (10 min)	MLW	
14 Future Meetings:		
	7:00	8:00
February: Open Executive Meeting		Wilf & his Planetarium
March: ?		Globular Clusters - Cameron Reed
April: ?		Telescope Mirror Making - Peter Edwards
May: Annual Banquet		?
June: ?		Member's Night / Trivia Contest
July/August: ?	-----NO MEETINGS----->	
SEPTEMBER: ?		GA Report(s) / Nova East Report
FALL: ?		Practical Uses for Astronomy - Nat Cohen
14 Other Business ?		

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S):

- ✓1st Member Survey
- ✓9 Library Purchases
- Status on Questar 3*
- 89 GA in CB
- Appoint Cookie Manager
- N/N Book Reviews
- Nova East 89
- Talk - Ask an Astronomer
- Talk - SN 87A: 2 Years Later (for May?)
- Talk - Radio Astronomy
- Special Record Book for Motions and Resolutions
- Public Observing Sessions
- Armchair Observer's Observing Session
- Establish CCL File

MINUTES OF RASC. EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Executive Present: - Dave Lane
- Doug Pitcairn
- Paul Smith
- Joe Yurchesyn
- Mary Lou Whitehorne
Randall Brooks
- Pat Kelly
- Hugh Thompson

Councilors Present: Jim MacGuigan
Jason Adams

Others Present: Larry Bogan
Darrin Parker

- the meeting called to order at about 7:15pm. The minutes of the meeting of December 16 were read, and approved by Jim MacGuigan, seconded by Mary Lou Whitehorne.

- the cheque signing authority change to include both Joe Yurchesyn and Nat Cohen was nearly complete with one more form required. A joint account being the end result.

- Randall Brooks reported that National Office will pay 50% of the travel costs for National Reps attending a national council meeting. He is tentatively planning on attending the September meeting.

- all executive members were given a packet of information from the new president including:

- executive addresses/phone numbers
- executive job descriptions
- guidelines from the Nova Scotia Museum
- National and Centre constitution
- library contents
- Handbook flow-charts
- rules for Burke Gaffney award
- Centre's telescope policy

- Pat Kelly reported that he has applied for a Second Class Mail permit for Nova Notes. This would reduce mailing costs to about 8 cents per copy for Nova Scotia addresses.

- the planetarium committee had no report, since no planned January meeting was held. Darrin Parker reported that he reluctantly has to step down as chairman of the committee because of personal commitments hindering him from giving it the attention that it deserves. A meeting has been set for January

26 at SMU. Appointment of a new chairman was deferred until the meeting. Darrin indicated that he would still like to remain on the committee.

- the slide committee reported that about half of the work has been completed. A time-table of 2 months was given for completion of the rest of the accompanying texts. This will leave ample time for slide copying, reviewing, etc.

- Randall Brooks brought up the idea of re-starting the second monthly meeting. Its primary purpose to catch the overflow that often lengthens the regular meeting to a point of boredom. It could possibly be called the "Observers Group Meeting" where slides, gadgets, etc. are shown. Randall also suggested that the Astronomy lab at SMU might be a good place to meet, since it has a permanent slide projector. It was suggested that the Observing Chairman should chair this meeting. Doug Pitcairn and Randall are to compose a questionnaire to see what the membership would like.

- Randall Brooks suggested that members who have not renewed should be invoiced for their dues as a friendly reminder, especially the Professional types. A policy was developed for this to be used in future years and is as follows:

- first advertise in Nova Notes (in large print)
- if no response by January 31, send an invoice

- Hugh Thompson inquired about the library budget for this year. Joe informed him that it was \$100, but was not iron clad. Hugh requested to order Uranometria Volume 2 edition and the Backyard Astronomer. This was approved.

- The starting of a computer library (for real computers) was suggested with some members present already having programs to submit. Most thought this was a good idea.

- Darrin Parker distributed a handout itemizing some of the ideas that have been discussed in the past. He suggested that a referendum be placed in a future Nova Notes to get the general membership's views.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Secretary,

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David Lane

Dave

Halifax Centre R.A.S.C. Priorities & Goals

As the growth of the Halifax Centre continues and our financial situation improves we must work toward a specific set of priorities and /or goals as is necessary with any successful organization. The below are some ideas which have been discussed in the past and should be put to the general membership in a referendum style process through Nova Notes.

Apply pressure for Public Planetarium

This is a long term goal requiring much effort, but probably has the greatest long term benefit to the RASC, N.S. educational system and general public.

R.A.S.C. Observatory

As researched over the past year, this is not a feasible goal at present as there has been much negative feedback from centres already using an observatory.

Halifax G.A. in '92

Due to the '89 G.A. in Cape Breton, we should not plan a G.A. any sooner than '92. It is soon time we offered to provide facilities for a G.A. This would be a good opportunity to show off Halifax's new planetarium.

Acquire and Upgrade Centre Telescope Equipment

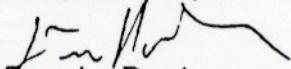
The use of our equipment must be more intensely promoted. This matter must be based on a majority opinion of the general membership.

Increase and Promote interest in Astronomy

This ongoing activity may be accomplished best through a World Class Planetarium.

Remember, simply because some of the above items will not fall into one of the "top priorities" does not mean we should not spend any effort or funds on it.

Respectfully,



Darrin Parker

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