

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
"Halifax Centre"

AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING

March 17, 1989

Meeting #3 for 1989

ITEMS	ORIGINATOR	NOTES
1 Approval of Agenda		
2 Minutes of last meeting:	February 17, 1989	
3 Approval of minutes		
4 Business arising from minutes		
5 Review of February Business:	JY	
National book review book		
Antigonish Group		
Reply to APICS		
CCL File		
6 Executive Committee Address:	JM	
Possible Persied Meteor Party?		
7 NOVA EAST:	MLW/DP	
Final Schedule		
Problem of French Speaker		
8 Discussion:		
Life membership Certificates/Plaques?	JY	
Mini-Messier list?	MLW	
May's Annual Banquet?	MLW	
Organization of 2nd monthly meeting?	MLW	
9 Executive Committee Address: Brian Sigel	BS	
12 Review of NASA scientist talk	?	
13 Future Meetings:		
7:00 (Early Entertainment)		8:00 (Main Meeting)
March: Video: NOVA - "Chaos"		Globular Clusters - Cameron Reed
April: ?		Telescope Mirror Making - Peter Edwards
May: Annual Banquet		SN 1987A: Two Years Later - Walter Zukauskas
June: ?		Member's Night / Trivia Contest
July/August: ?	<----- NO MEETINGS ----->	GA Report(s) / Nova East Report(s)
September: ?		?
October: ?		Practical Uses for Astronomy - Nat Cohen
FALL: ?		
14 Other Business ?		

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S):

Log Book for Motions/Resolutions
Mailing Nova Notes 2nd Class
8th CA in CB
3 (Final Schedule)
NOVA EAST 89 (Final Plans)
Hebron Student's Visit
1989 Library Purchases
Purchase collimating eyepieces

Lost Member Survey
Status on Questar 3*
M/N Book Reviews
Lottery or Contest (?)
Small Scope User's Challenge
Len Larkin TV Interviews
Armchair Observer's Observing Session
Astronomical Society of the Pacific: Purchase of slides, etc.

Talk: By NASA Scientist - H. Tailor (?)
Talk: Radio Astronomy - Fr. Long (?)
Talk: Ten Most Asked Questions: - ?
Talk: Ask an Astronomer - ?

MINUTES OF HALIFAX CENTRE RASC. EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Executive Present: Dave Lane
Doug Pitcairn
Paul Smith
Mary Lou Whitehorne
Pat Kelly
Nat Cohen
Joe Yurchesyn
Randall Brooks

Councilors Present: Jim MacGuigan

- the meeting called to order at about 7:10pm. The agenda was approved by Nat Cohen, seconded by Jim MacGuigan. The minutes of the meeting of February 17 were read, and approved by Joe Yurchesyn and seconded by Nat Cohen after slight corrections.

- review of February business:

- a review of a book submitted by Glenn Roberts to the National Newsletter was determined to be too old. It was suggested that we can give the book to SMU or DAL or someone else.

- Joe has written a letter to the Antigonish group. He suggested that they could possibly raise money by selling handbooks local to Antigonish.

- Joe has also written a letter to APICS confirming the schedule. We needed one more talk for Thursday afternoon. Doug Pitcairn volunteered.

- Joe has started a CCL file (or Circulating Current Letter file) that should be kept up to date with all incoming and outgoing centre business correspondence. This allows other executive members to become familiar with the correspondence received and written by other members.

- Jim MacGuigan suggested the idea of having a Perseid meteor shower party for the public this summer. He informed us that this event is a great success in Vancouver with as many as 1000 people. This year the peak is at 3 AM on Saturday, August 12. Most thought this was a good idea to try this year. The Beaverbank site was suggested as a location, but after discussion, it was decided that it was not a good idea to have the public visit a site that we are lucky to use at all. Oakfield park was suggested and Doug Pitcairn to write the Dept. of Land and Forests to see if this is possible.

- the '89 Nova East final schedule was presented by Mary Lou. The one French speaker is still a problem, but is in the works.

- life member certificates were discussed. It was decided that it should be brought up at the next National council meeting.
- Dave Chapman has created a "mini-Messier" list for beginning observers. It was thought to be a good idea, but it was decided that a prize was probably not necessary. A certificate could be awarded. The list to be reviewed by Randall Brooks and Mary Lou Whitehorne.
- the annual banquet is nearing. Mary Lou suggests Keddy's as a location. Joe Yurchesun to organize this year. Many like Chinatown last year, but some said the food wait was too long.
- the second monthly meeting will start up in May with the first meeting at Dave Chapman's on May 4 at 8pm (463-9103). The June meeting will be at Mary Lou's. No date yet decided (, and she's not baking).
- Brian Sigel from Antigonish group talked to us about his group, the equipment that they have, etc.
- meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

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