

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA "Halifax Centre"

AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING

Meeting #5 for 1989

May 25, 1989

ITEMS	ORIGINATOR	NOTES
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1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING April 21, 1989

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

5.1 APICS: Final Schedule	JAY
5.2 N.C. Meeting Minutes: Jan 28 th	"

6 DISCUSSION:

6.1 May 4 th Observer's Meeting	?
6.2 Trivia Contest Follow Up	DL/HT
6.3 Persied Party Follow Up (Oakfield Park)	DCP
6.4 Log Book for Resolutions	JAY
6.5 Keep 1 Year's Minutes in Library	"
6.6 Copy of Minutes to President	"
6.7 Allan Cook's Letter	"
6.8 Lunenburg Co. Planetarium "In-Service for Teachers"	MLW
6.9 Buy Centre Slide Projector	"
6.10 Slide Committee Report	RB(?)
6.11 ASP Purchases?	JAY
6.12 Cable TV Interviews?	"

(Later in summer to raise public awareness for Fall.)

7 Other Business?

8 Future Meetings

	7:00 (Early Entertainment)	8:00 (Main Meeting)
June:	?	Member's Night/Trivia Contest/Planetarium Report-R. Brooks
July/August:	<----- NO MEETINGS ----->	
September:	?	GA Report(s) / Nova East Report(s)
October:	?	?
November:	?	?
December:	?	The World of Amateur Radio Astronomy - Fr. Long
FALL:		Practical Uses for Astronomy - Nat Cohen
FALL: F		Charge Coupled Devices (CCD's) - Dave Lane
FALL:		Possible Oceans on Venus - Pat Kelly
FUTURE:		Geomagnetic Effects on Power Systems - Joe Yurchesyn
FUTURE:		Var. Stars: Types & Observ'g Techn's - Joe Yurchesyn

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S):

Vamp N.S. Museum Locker
 Selling Nova Notes 2nd Class
 News Release Forms
 Life Member Certificates
 Observing for Amateur Astronomers
 Len Larkin: TV Interview(s)
 Planetarium Committee Report - June
 E & L Shakedown - Member's Night (Nat)
 Pamphlet: How to Select a Telescope - Xmas

Lost Member Survey
 Status on Questar 3*
 B/N Book Reviews
 Lottery or Contest (?)
 Small Scope User's Challenge
 Barbados Reply
 Purchase collimating eyepieces

Talk: The Atmosphere of Venus - H. Taylor (?)
 Talk: Tides and the Earth - Dr. Chris Garrett
 Talk: Ten Most Asked Questions: - ?
 Talk: Ask an Astronomer - ?
 Talk: Fun with Astrolabs - ?
 Talk: Things that go Wrong in the Dark - ?
 Talk: Planetary View to Plate Tectonics - P. Reynolds?
 Talk: - Dr. C. Stronach ?
 Talk: Cold Fusion vs Hot Fusion - Dr. Roy Bishop (?)

MINUTES OF HALIFAX CENTRE RASC, EXECUTIVE MEETING

May 25, 1989

Approved: Pat Kelly

Seconded: Hugh Thompson

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

- the meeting was called to order the agenda was modified to include:
 - Nova East mailing as requested by Doug Pitcairn
 - Resolution on commercial exhibits as requested by Joe Yurchesyn
- the resulting agenda was approved by Hugh Thompson and seconded by Dave Lane.
- the minutes of the meeting of April 21 were read and approved by Hugh Thompson, seconded by Joe Yurchesyn.
- Doug reported that he failed to write the french speaker for Nova East. He will do this.
- Nat reported that a new Kodak slide projector will cost about \$300. The consensus was that there was no rush, and we will still look for a used one. A ad in Nova Notes will be placed.
- Joe reported that he has the final schedule for the APICS conference and the minutes of the January 28 National Council meeting.
- the observers meeting at Mary Lou's on June 2 is still a go. It was decided that if the weather is fine, an observing session is to take place instead.
- Dave Lane and Hugh Thompson reported that work had not yet started on the trivia contest for member's night because Dave Lane was out of the country. Nonetheless, it will be ready for the June meeting.
- regarding the Perseids meteor shower party, Doug successfully reached Ken Dodsworth (861-2560), head of the Lands and Forests department responsible for Oakfield Park. He said that it would be no problem, and if we send him a flier, he advertise it locally.

- in order to keep track of important decisions made at executive meetings, the Secretary is to summarize all resolutions made throughout the year, at the end of each year.
- the item on the agenda referring to the storage of one years minutes in the Centre Library was deferred to next meeting.
- from this time onward, the secretary is to provide a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting at the beginning of the current meeting.
- we have received a letter from an Alan Cook of Portage LaPrairie, Alberta. He was interested in our comments on his idea of starting a Canadian astronomy magazine. After some discussion, the consensus was that it probably wasn't a good idea, based primarily on the small population base for readership. Joe will write him with a "luke warm response" reply.
- after much discussion about an in-service for Lunenburg Co. teachers, to teach them how to run planetarium shows, it was decided that it wasn't feasible for the RASC to do free and gratis. This was primarily to the logistics of weekday time of in-service's and the out-of-metro location. It was decided that we could put on a "HEBRON-type" weekend for them or recommend certain RASC members that could run the in-service for fee. A letter is to be written.
- Mary Lou reported that her and Randall Brooks have the Slide Committee work "all under control".
- it was decided to order 50 bumper stickers and 2 sets of posters from ASP to sell for fund raising.
- Joe Yurchesyn brought up the idea of doing some Cable TV interview's during the summer. It was decided that the present work load of the executive could not support it at the current time, but to resurface the idea at a later date.
- it was decided that Doug Pitcairn is to send out a mail-out to last years attendee's of Nova East to make them aware of Nova East '89.
- Joe Yurchesyn tabled a proposed "Resolution on Commercial Exhibits" (attached) for discussion. Much debate occurred. Several modifications to the original text were suggested and agreed upon. The final decision was to present it to the membership at the June general meeting as a new by-law of the Centre. The final text must be in the Secretary's hands at least three days prior.
- meeting adjourned.

D. Lane

Dave Lane, Secretary

RESOLUTION ON COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

disallow all

- 1) The Centre shall expressly reserve the right to allow commercial display(s) at meetings at any time, and for any term, without regard to previous precedence. This right to refusal will be enforced randomly at least once annually, when applicable, without notice.
- 1) The Centre shall require that an obvious statement be posted at any commercial displays set up at meetings, denying any endorsement by or association with the RASC. The statement displayed shall require prior approval by the RASC Centre (or one can be provided).
- 3) Commercial displays shall not be associated with any RASC display(s) during Astronomy day. The RASC will display a statement denying any endorsement by or association with any temporary commercial exhibit(s), set up coincident with and in sight of the RASC display(s).
- 4) The Centre shall expressly reserve the right to allow commercial displays at Nova East at any time, and for any term, without regard to previous precedence. Commercial displays at Nova East will be allowed only for the current year. Application must be made in writing.
- 5) Nova Notes shall have a statement denying any endorsement by or association with the RASC for commercial advertisements appearing within it.
- 6) An article written for Nova Notes providing general discussion and/or giving personnel opinions shall not mention manufactures or retails establishments by name, directly or cryptically. Personnel product endorsements shall be kept private. Specific opinions (compliments or complaints) relating to a specific instrument or piece of equipment shall be clarified with the particular details. General comments such as "a piece of junk" or "Trashco" shall not be published.