

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA "Halifax Centre"

AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING

Meeting #7 for 1989

Sept 15, 1989

ITEMS

ORIGINATOR

NOTES

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

June 16, 1989

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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| 5.1 Observer's Group Meeting | DL |
| 5.2 MacConnell's Art | JAY |
| 5.3 New Membership Billing Practice
(through NOVA NOTES) | PK |
| 5.4 New Librarian (Carolline Smith) | JAY |
| 5.5 Constitutional Amendments | JAY |

6 DISCUSSION:

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| 6.1 Astronomy Day Preparation | JAY |
| 6.2 National Council Business
(Commercial Telescopes Sold in Canada)
(?....) | RB |
| 6.3 Life Member Certificates | RB |
| 6.4 Return of unsold Handbooks | JAY |
| 6.5 N.E. 89 Postmortem
(re: Stellafane's way) | NC |
| 6.6 Slide Sets Ready (more or less) | RB |
| 6.7 ASP Purchases | JAY |

7 Other Business?

8 Future Meetings

7:00 (Early Entertainment)

8:00 (Main Meeting)

September:	?	GA Report(s) / Nova East Report(s)
October:	?	Stellar Power (ie. Hot Fusion) - R. Bishop
November:	?	The World of Amateur Radio Astronomy - Fr. Long
December:	?	Stellaphane: A 1 st Time Experience - D. Lane / N. Cohen
January:	?	?
February:	?	?
FUTURE:		Practical Uses for Astronomy - Nat Cohen
FUTURE:		Charge Coupled Devices (CCD's) - Dave Lane
FUTURE:		Possible Oceans on Venus - Pat Kelly
FUTURE:		Geomagnetic Effects on Power Systems - Joe Yurchesyn
FUTURE:		Var. Stars: Types & Observ'g Techn's - Joe Yurchesyn
FUTURE:		The Atmosphere of Venus - Dr. H. Taylor

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S):

Re-Vamp N.S. Museum Locker
Centre Observatory Site
Nova Release Forms
Life Member Certificates
Observing for Amateur Astronomers
Len Larkin: TV Interview(s)
Pamphlet: How to Select a Telescope-Xmas
S & L Shakedown - Member's Night (Nat)

Lost Member Survey
Status on Questar J
M/M Book Reviews
Lottery or Contest (?)
Small Scope User's Challenge
Purchase Collimating Eyepieces

Talk: Planetary View to Plate Tectonics - P. Reynolds?
Talk: Tides and the Earth - C. Garrett
Talk: Ten Most Asked Questions: - ?
Talk: Ask an Astronomer - ?
Talk: Fun with Astrolabs - ?
Talk: Things that go Wrong in the Dark - ?

MINUTES OF HALIFAX CENTRE RASC, EXECUTIVE MEETING

September 15, 1989

Approved: DOUG PITCAIRN

Seconded: M.L. WHITEHORNE

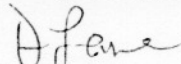
Executive Present: Dave Lane
Doug Pitcairn
Mary Lou Whitehorne
Joe Yurchesyn
Randall Brooks
Paul Smith

- the meeting called to order at about 7:10pm. The agenda was approved by Randall Brooks, seconded by Dave Lane. The minutes of the meeting of June 16 were read, and approved by Mary Lou Whitehorne, and seconded by Joe Yurchesyn.
- Dave Lane spoke to Wilf Morley regarding the putting on of an in-service for Lunenburg Co. teachers on the use of their portable planetarium. He said it was unlikely that the teachers would travel to Halifax on a weekend for such an session, but he did say that they do pay for in-services. The issue is considered dropped until we hear back from Wilf.
- a letter was written to Bob MacConnell of the Hebron Club congratulating him of his recent article in the National Newsletter.
- Pat Kelly has produced an invoice to remind the membership of membership dues. It is attached and is to be included in Nova Notes.
- Caroline Smith will take over from Hugh Thompson as Centre Librarian for the rest of the year since Hugh has left for UBC.
- Randall Brooks reported that our proposal to provide life member certificates has been passed by the National Council. Our commitment is to provide the backlog of about 300 current life members. National Office will produce the on-going certificates as they are needed for future life members.
- the constitutional amendments item was deferred to next meeting.
- Joe Yurchesyn reported that he, as well as others, are not in a position to organize a Mall display for this year's Astronomy Day. It was decided to have a "public" type talk at the regular meeting and to publicize it. Joe to talk to Roy Bishop to see if he can substitute the talk he had already planned to present.
- For the upcoming National Council meeting that Randall Brooks is planning to attend, he will bring up the possible effects that the

new national sales tax may have on RASC business. Brian Segal has the info on the proposed tax and will drop Randall a note prior to the meeting. Discussion also took place regarding the continuing problem of false statements made by small telescope manufacturers and retailers. It was discussed that possibly as a national society, letters could be written to retailers, federal government, etc. It was decided that some research should be done first, possibly to be ready to present something at the January meeting of national council.

- the Nova East post-mortem item was deferred to next meeting.
- Randall Brooks that the slide sets are more or less ready with only a few more slides copy and final changes to the text to be made prior to being ported to common MAC format.
- the ASP purchases item was deferred to next meeting.
- meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


David Lane

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