

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
"Halifax Centre"

AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING

Meeting #8 for 1989

Oct 14, 1989

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA		
2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Sept 15, 1989	
3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES		
5 ANNOUNCEMENTS:		
5.1 Handbook Report (to N N's)	PS	
5.2 Treasurer's Report (to N N's) (Membership Year Period)	NC	
6 DISCUSSION:		
✓ 6.1 Condolence Letter to Ralph	JAY	
6.2 Astronomy Day Details:	JAY	
✓ .1 Jim's sales stand?		
.2 Advertising?		
.3 Etc?...		
✓ 6.3 Constitutional Amendments:	JAY	
.1 New National Constitution.		
.2 Revised Job Descriptions.		
.3 Annual Calender.		
.4 Etc?...		
✓ 6.4 Grant Application Procedures	MLW	
✓ 6.4 Membership Fee Surcharge	DP	
✓ 6.5 N.E. 89 Postmortem:	NC	
.1 Stellafane's way.		
.2 Etc?...		
✓ 6.6 Future Observer's Group Meeting	JAY	
✓ 6.7 ASP Purchases	JAY	
✓ 6.8 Centre Telescope Upgrade:	DL	
.1 Additional Accessories.		
.2 Etc?...		
6.8. Consumer Education Project:	JAY	
Report Evaluating some Commercial Telescopes for Sale in Canada.		

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7 Other Business?

8 Future Meetings

7:00 (Early Entertainment)

October:	The Size of Space - Doug
November	?
December	?
January	?
February	?
March	?

8:00 (Main Meeting)

Stellar Power (ie. Hot Fusion) - R. Bishop
Unknown at This Time... - Dr. Harry Tailor
Stellaphane: A 1 st time Experience - D. Lane / N. Cohen
?
The World of Amateur Radio Astronomy - Fr. Lono
?
Practical Uses for Astronomy - Nat Cohen
Charge Coupled Devices (CCD's) - Dave Lane
Possible Oceans on Venus - Pat Kelly
Geomagnetic Effects on Power Systems - Joe Yurchesyn
Var. Stars: Types & Observing Techniques - Joe Yurchesyn

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S):

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

Lost Member Survey
Status on Question 3*
N/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

October 14, 1989

Approved: Joe Yurchesyn

Seconded: Jason Adams

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

- the meeting called to order at about 2:50pm at the Whitehorne residence. The agenda was amended by the addition of two items in section 7 (Other Business). The report from the slide set committee and the changing of meeting times were added before the agenda was approved by Doug Pitcairn and seconded by Nat Cohen. The minutes of the September meeting were read, and approved by Doug Pitcairn, and seconded by Mary Lou Whitehorne.
- it was pointed out that we should finalize general meeting talks longer in advance to ensure inclusion in Nova Notes.
- the Handbook report for the membership year is needed from Paul Smith for inclusion into Nova Notes. Joe is to contact Paul.
- Joe is to also help Nat produce a Treasurer's Report for Nova Notes.
- a condolence letter to Ralph Fraser following his wife's passing is to be written by Joe on behalf of the Centre. It was moved by Randall Brooks, seconded by Dave Lane, to make a \$50 donation to the Centennial Fund in Ruth Fraser's name.
- Astronomy day will be celebrated by the regular meeting open to the public and advertised by press releases. The talks will be by Roy Bishop who will talk on Stellar Power, and by Doug Pitcairn, who will give a talk on the size of space. Various telescopes will be on display after the talks, as well as displays such as a local group model, orion model, posters, etc. If the weather permits, observations will follow in the parking lot.
- the following motion was introduced by Randall Brooks, seconded by Nat Cohen, and passed after much discussion and debate.

Whereas, the Nova Scotia Museum guidelines of 14 September 1989 for activities of societies meetings in their premises only permits the sales and fund raising activities by the society itself, the Centre Executive hereby directs

that no commercial displays may appear and/or sales maybe made at meetings of the Centre held at the Nova Scotia Museum.

- out of courtesy, a letter will be written by Joe to Jim MacGuigan of the Telescopic Shoppe, informing him of our decision.

- following the passing of the new National Constitution, our Centre Constitution will have to be changed. The Hamilton Centre has produced a constitution for themselves which is currently under study by the National Constitution Committee. It was suggested that their constitution could be used as a model when writing ours. The results of the suitability of the Hamilton constitution will be known after the January national council meeting. Our previously formed centre constitution committee will begin meeting following this forthcoming decision.

- much discussion occurred about a proposal from Doug Pitcairn to incorporate a membership surcharge starting in the 1991 membership year, for the purpose of fund raising for future capital projects such as land for an observing site. No agreement or disagreement was determined. Action items for the next meeting were for Doug to write a land owner of a potential site and for Nat Cohen to investigate the "real" story with regards to the Beaverbank site ownership.

- in a discussion of Nova East/89 postmortem, it was decided that the public observing should be held next year directly outside the assembly hall. This follows the mayhem that occurred when using the Chebucto site this year. It will also allow for parking and much better public access.

- Nat Cohen reported that we could do an equal, if not better job of running an event comparable to Stellafane. Their facilities are practically non-existent compared to the facilities available to us at Fundy Park. After discussion it was somewhat decided that we are going along the right track already, and given more exposure in Sky and T by a Nova East report (to be submitted by Doug) and promises of superb dark skies it can only grow.

- the next Observer's Group meeting will be held at the SMU Observatory on November 8 at 7:30pm.

- Dave Lane is to call Paul Smith to determine if he has ordered the ASP Purchases. If he has not Dave Lane is to order 3 dozen bumper stickers and 2 sets of posters.

- Dave Lane reported that the Centre C8 needs some accessories to make it an instrument suitable for use. Its problems are related to the following:

- no suitable dew cap (this is bad news for a CAT)
- no counterweight
- poor eyepiece selection
- no piggyback bracket for a camera

- Dave is to prepare a report for the next meeting detailing the costs of the upgrade for discussion.
- item 6.2, Consumer Education Project, was deferred to next meeting.
- Randall Brooks reported that the slide sets are very near completion and he has submitted his slide copying expenses of \$112.90 to Nat.
- In light of the new museum access times (7:00pm to 11:00pm), a motion was made by Doug Pitcairn, seconded by Randall Brooks to change the monthly meeting start time to 7:30 pm. The early video will therefore be ceased.
- meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lane
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