

RASC

Halifax Centre, Minutes of October Meeting.

The October 15th meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Halifax Centre was called to order at 19:11 with the following in attendance.

Paul Gray, Pat Kelly, Joe Yurchesyn, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Dave Lane, Dave Turner, Nat Cohn, Ian Anderson, Larry Bogan, Shawn Mitchell, Jason Adams.

Item 1. Approval of Agenda: Dave Turner moved and Mary Lou Whitehorne second that the agenda be approved.

Item 2. Approval of minutes from June Meeting: Mary Lou Whitehorne moved and Joe Yurchesyn seconded that the minutes from the June meeting be approved.

Item 3. Business arising from the June minutes: There was no business arising from the June minutes.

Item 4. Approval of minutes from September meeting:

1. Dave Turner was there but was omitted.

Mary Lou Whitehorne moved to approve, Dave Turner second to approve the minutes of the September meeting.

Item 5. Business arising from September minutes:

1. Item 7: Nominations for Good Lighting Awards: Pat Kelly would also like to nominate the Hants Community Hospital.

2. Item 11b: Other Business: A decision was made to start this in November.

Item 6. Reports From Members of the executive:

d)Secretary: The National Council Meeting Minutes are in.

f)Nova Notes Editor:

-The October issue of Nova Notes is the largest ever with 14 pages.

-He is having difficulty with the museum printing

-Wants to go with a private printer, the advantages: a more predictable time span on publication, and the possibility for more current information.

-The cost of this route would be more but not significantly, he will look into it and tell us.

h)Librarian: Shawn wants to do a new inventory of the library over Christmas.

Item 7. New Invoicing System:

A new system to index invoices would be formatted as follows:

-First and Last initial Year and invoice # for example DL9403 This would read, Dave Lane 1994 invoice # 3.

-A preliminary Treasurer's report was submitted along with a list of recommendations. The preliminary report's states we have a surplus of \$5000.

Item 8. Nominating Committee Report.

Nat Cohn and Pat Kelly still have a month to twist some arms. Paul and Shawn will stay and Mary Lou Whitehorne will take 2nd Vice President.

Item 9. Approval For Beaverbank Site, etc.

-Nat Cohn conveyed that after an initial feeling of sympathy and friendliness a new tone has arisen from the president of the Halifax Flying Club. They will not give us formal access of any type to the field. We are there on sufferance.

-Paul Gray and Jason Adams were in contact with a member of the club who was a member of the RASC Hfx Ctr and he told us that there club needed only to see some sort of liability insurance to show the owner of the land

-Dave Lane suggested we discuss this at the November 19th meeting.

Possibility of an alternate site

-There is a Microwave Tower Hill on the #14 Hiway 8.5km from the Chester turnoff of the 103 headed toward Windsor located on crown land. It is ~40 min from Halifax and has an altitude of 650 ft. To use this as a site for and observatory we would require a government lease which MT&T might already have, but not likely. The best approach would be to talk to Dept. of Lands and Forests and if everything is okay apply for the lease.

Item 10. National Office GA Picture.

Brian Seigal (sp?) sent the Pictures to National Office and said that they didn't want to pay so much for them. The bill will be subtracted from the remittance to National Office.

Item 11. Nominations for Good Lighting Awards Announcement for Nova Notes:

These can be given to Dave Lane, there're about 5.

Item 12. Dates for Field Naturalists for 1994:

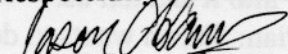
Deferred.

Item 13. Museum Handbook GST Mix-up:

The Museum can't get back our GST moneys from the Handbooks they sold.

Meeting adjourned at 20:02 October 15, 93.

Respectfully Submitted


Jason Adams (Secretary)