

MINUTES OF THE
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - HALIFAX CENTRE

November 19th, 1993

Present: Ian Anderson, Roy Bishop, Larry Bogan, Paul Gray, Pat Kelly, Dave Lane, Shawn Mitchell, David Turner, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Joe Yurchesyn
Regrets: Jason Adams, Doug Pitcairn

The meeting convened at 7:10 P.M. at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, Halifax.

1) Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the agenda was moved by DL/MLW. Motion carried

2) Minutes of the October Meeting

The minutes were amended to add the year "1993" after "October 15th" in the first paragraph; change "Cohn" to "Cohen" in the second paragraph and item 8; change "second" to "Seconded" in items 1 and 4; change "reports" to "report" in item 7; change "that there club" to "that their club" in item 9; change "Seigal (sp?) to "Segal" in item 10, and; change "moneys" to "monies" in item 13.

Approval of the minutes from the October meeting, as amended, was moved by DT/DL. Motion carried

3) Business Arising from the Minutes of the October Meeting

There was none.

4) Reports from Members of the Executive

a) President (PK)

The handbooks were late and would not be available until the December meeting.

b) First Vice-President (JC) No report.

c) Second Vice-President (NC)

NC reported that the extra G.A. medallion and notes on it are now a permanent part of the Mary E. Block Collection.

d) Secretary (JA) No report.

e) Treasurer (IA)

Ian submitted his final report.

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)

The December issue would be finished the next day.

The new B.O.G.'s were available for \$10.00.

The Toronto Centre had twice failed to deliver a completed copy of Darren Talbot's national Messier Certificate. Since he has moved to Nova Scotia, Rosemary has sent a third one to us to deliver to him. DL will confirm his Nova Scotia address, mail it and then call him again to confirm receipt.

DL thought that the centre should purchase a slide duplicating machine.

Moved by DL/JY that the centre spend up to \$300 to purchase a slide duplicating machine, preferably one with a T-ring adapter. Motion carried

g) National Council Representative (JY) No report.

h) Librarian (SM)

One new book has been purchased and three more have been donated.

SM will order a *Deep Sky Field Guide* for Christmas.

Due to problems with the current checkout system, the librarian will be producing cards over the Christmas break so that we can start using the same type of checkout card system that libraries use.

A listing of the national office library holdings is now available on disk.

i) Observing Chairman (PG)

The Halverson Telescope has been remounted as a dob and PG will next be replacing the Brandon eyepieces with ones better suited to the telescope.

5) Nominating Committee Report (PK)

PK circulated the list of the 1994 executive.

6) National Council Meeting Report (DT)

The following is a list of the "high" points of the meeting.

1. Peter Broughton's book is finished.

2. Michael Watson resigned as second vice-president, etc.

3. Montreal Centre had expelled a member without following the procedure outlined in the national bylaws. A motion to change the national bylaws to allow centre executives to expel members was defeated.

4. Centre events requiring liability insurance should be sent to the national office.

5. The album of the G. A. photos was accepted with thanks.

6. The proxy form has been modified and will be used for the 1994 G.A.
7. Alan Batten has agreed to accept the position of honorary president.
8. Control of the national promotional materials has been passed from Cathy Hall to a member of the Kingston Centre.
9. It was recommended that centres should analyze the results of the membership survey.
10. The speaker for the 1994 Helen Sawyer Hogg Lecture will be George Spanier.
11. \$500 in funding was approved for the Edmonton Centre's graze expedition.
12. A presentation was made by the R.A.S.C. 2000 group.
13. A motion to eliminate the unattached membership category was defeated.
14. \$500 was approved to produce a mock-up of a new publication to aid the study on merging the Journal and BULLETIN.

7) **Simon Newcombe Trophy (PK)**

PK was going through some old correspondance and found reference to a Simon Newcombe Trophy. After some investigation, it has been learned that it is currently in the home of Peter Jedicke of London, who was the most recent winner.

8) **National Promotions "Takeover" (DL/SM)**

Moved by DL/SM that the Halifax Centre propose to the national council that the Halifax Centre assume responsibility for the merchandizing of R.A.S.C. promotional items. A detailed proposal will be submitted in time for the next national council meeting Motion carried

9) **Purchase of IDA Light Pollution Slide Set (MLW)**

The centre's membership in IDA has been renewed.

It was decided that we should order the "Set B" supplementary slide set.

10) **Simon Newcombe Trophy (PK)**

PK reported that the new rules for the Simon Newcombe Award were approved at the last national council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M. and would reconvene at Doug's place on Wednesday, December 1st.

11) **Other Business**

a) Solar Eclipse Money (DL)

Since time was running short for ordering eclipse viewers and Michael Watson, one of the co-chairs of the eclipse committee had resigned, we should write to Randy Atwood to see if we can obtain some funding to purchase eclipse viewers. PK will write to him.

b) Ball Room Gallery Proposal (DL)

A church art gallery would like to display an exhibit of astronomical photographs for the period November - December 1994. It was decided to put a notice in NOVA NOTES and also to make a visit to the gallery.

c) Instruction Booklets (PK)

PK thought that due to his recent takeover as second vice-president it might be a good idea to have each member of the executive produce an operating manual of what they do on a regular basis and how they do it. This way anyone who has to take over that position on short notice will have a better idea of what and how they should do their job.

JY was going to produce a new set of job descriptions based on the input that he had received.

d) Centre Brochure (DL)

It was felt that a group should review all of the centre's handouts with the view towards producing one brochure.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:00 P.M. on a motion by MLW.

Patrick M. Kelly
Acting Secretary