

MINUTES OF THE
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - HALIFAX CENTRE

April 15th, 1994

Present: Ian Anderson, Roy Bishop, David Chapman, Paul Gray, Patrick Kelly, Dave Lane, Blair MacDonald, Shawn Mitchell, David Turner, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Joe Yurchesyn

The meeting convened at 19h05 at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, Halifax.

1) **Approval of the Agenda**

Approval of the agenda was moved by DT/SM. Motion carried

2) **Approval of the Minutes of the January 21st/February 16th Meeting**

Moved by JY/SM that this item be deferred until the next meeting. Motion carried

3) **Approval of the Minutes of the March 18th Meeting**

Moved by JY/SM that this item be deferred until the next meeting. Motion carried

4) **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Moved by JY/MLW that this item be deferred until the next meeting. Motion carried

5) **Reports from Members of the Executive**

a) President (DL)

G.A. registration packages had arrived and David Levy had discovered another comet.

b) First Vice-President (PK) **No report.**

c) Second Vice-President (MLW)

Jim Mulaney will not be able to come in June but he will be able to come in either September or October. MLW purchased a new book for the library and did a book review of it for NOVA NOTES. The planetarium has been booked for the May 13th meeting. N.S.P.A.C. has put in a proposal for funding to have planetarium shows held over the summer.

d) Secretary (PK) **No report.**

e) Treasurer (IA)

A copy of "membership software" from national office has arrived and IA took exception to it for several reasons. DL will write a letter to N.O. explaining our problems with it.

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL) **No report.**

g) National Council Representative (JY) **No report.**

h) Librarian (SM)

The other two milk cartons of material have not been processed yet. SM and DL each donated a new book the library.

i) Observing Chairman (PG)

There was much muttering from around the table on recent observing activities, brought on by the clear (!) weather.

6) **Upcoming Meetings (DL)**

The meeting at the planetarium still needs some more organizing.

7) **New National Office Membership System Report (IA)**

This had already been dealt with under item 5e).

8) **Simon Newcomb Award Rules (PK)**

A revised set of rules has been sent to Damien Lemay, the chair of the national awards committee, as requested.

9) **Agenda for Tonight's General Meeting (DL)**

DL asked for requests from anyone needing announcements, etc.

10) **Eclipse Committee Report (DL)**

DL has prepared an information handout to pass out at the event. They will be distributed at the Discovery Centre and the N. S. Museum of Natural History will be sending a copy to 150 schools. The eclipse viewers have arrived. David Turner is giving a talk for Earth Day.

11) **Grant to MLW for I.A.U. Trip (DL)**

Moved by BM/DT that we support MLW's trip to the I.A.U. General Assembly.
..... Motion carried.

Moved by DT/SM that approve up to \$500 in funding for Mary Lou's trip, conditional on her attendance at the I.A.U. General Assembly. If there are still financial difficulties, further requests for assistance will be considered.....Motion carried.

12) Eclipse Viewers for Darryl DeWolfe (DL)

As we had already turned down other groups and since we may not have enough to give out, it was decided to refer him to a Canadian supplier.

13) Light Pollution Awareness Presentation (PG)

A group in Tantallon wants our input in deciding on the lighting for a 250 house development. DL & PG will be going to give them a presentation.

14) Plan to Encourage Youth Membership (DL/DC)

Due to the time limitations, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

15) Science Fair (DL)

There were no astronomy exhibits this year and they did not get back to us concerning further financial assistance.

16) 1993 Burke-Gaffney Award (DL)

MLW and PG volunteered to review the previous year's issues of NOVA NOTES.

17) G.A. Packages (DL)

This item had already been covered under 5a).

18) Nomination of Doug George (MLW)

Doug's nomination for First Vice-President has already gone through and we should have an election this year.

19) Other Business

There was none.

20) Date and Place for Next Meeting (DL)

Since the next meeting would take place at the planetarium, the executive meeting would have to be held on a different date. PG volunteered his house. The date would be announced later.

The meeting adjourned at about 19h59 on a motion by MLW.

Patrick M. Kelly
Secretary