

MINUTES OF THE
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - HALIFAX CENTRE

May 24th, 1994

Present: Ian Anderson, Paul Gray, Patrick Kelly, Dave Lane, Shawn Mitchell, Mary Lou Whitehorne
The meeting convened at 19h24 at the residence of Paul Gray, Lower Sackville.

1) **Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

Moved by MLW/PG that the minutes be approved.....Motion carried

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

Moved by MLW/PG that the minutes be approved.....Motion carried

4) **Approval of the Minutes of the April 15th Meeting**

Moved by MLW/PG that the minutes be approved.....Motion carried

5) **Business Arising from the Minutes of the Above Meetings**

It was decided that the constitutional changes could wait until the annual meeting in the fall.

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

a) President (DL) **No report.**

b) First Vice-President (PK)

All of the observing calendars have been sold, and some B.O.G.'s were sold at Saint Mary's during the solar eclipse.

c) Second Vice-President (MLW) **No report.**

d) Secretary (PK)

A set of slides from depicting research at D.R.A.O. was sent to the centre as part of a general mailing by Lloyd Higgs, the director. The slides will be given to the library and MLW volunteered to write a thank you note to Dr. Higgs.

G.A. registration forms have arrived.

The eclipse brochures from national office arrived a few days before the eclipse and, as there was no advance notice that they were coming, they were not discovered until a week and a half after the eclipse had occurred.

e) Treasurer (IA)

Moved by MLW/PK that the centre purchase a GIC in the amount of \$5,000 for a term of one year.....Motion carried

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)

The next issue will be out soon.

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

h) Librarian (SM)

The February order from Sky Publishing, which included a *Uranometria* and two slides sets, was lost during processing and will be replaced.

i) Observing Chairman (PG)

The C8 was returned after a year in Cape Breton and the tripod is damaged. DL will look into the price of a new one.

Moved by IA/SM that up to \$400 be approved for the purchase of a new tripod.....Motion carried

7) **Upcoming Meetings (DL)**

Jim Mulaney may not be coming in the fall. PK's talk may have to be moved to September. DL would resolve DP's status regarding the pot-luck supper.

8) **New National Office Membership System Report (DL)**

We were waiting for clarification from the national office regarding this system.

9) **Halifax Centre Merchandising Status (SM)**

Thirty-three eclipse T-shirts had been ordered.

We made about \$300 on the sale of merchandise at the eclipse party.

10) **Plan to Encourage Youth Membership (DC)**

A document outlining some problems/ideas was attached with the agendas. It was decided that a package of material, including NOVA NOTES, and astronomy resource guide, the basic use of binoculars, why to avoid department store telescopes and a list of books should be

prepared. It could be used as an information package for schools, Cubs, etc. Peggy Ludlow, who teaches at Millwood High School and is in charge of the Association of Science Teachers would also be contacted.

Regarding the Science Fair Award, a package, including a list of possible projects, a poster and a covering letter would be mailed to all science teachers in junior high and high school.

11) Journal Mock-up Discussion (DL)

DL requested input regarding the content of the proposed mock-up.

12) Burke-Gaffney Award—Status (MLW)

Moved by MLW/SM that David Lane be awarded the 1994 Burke-Gaffney Award for his article on the Micro-Guider.....Motion carried.

13) Simon Newcomb Award—Status (PK)

There was much discussion on the proposed changes to the award. PK will take these changes into account, revise the rules accordingly and redistribute them for feedback.

14) Eclipse Post-mortem

Some slides and pictures were passed around for general viewing. Many "Ooooooh"s and "Aaaaaaah"s were heard.

15) Other Business

There was none.

16) Optional Agenda Item—Lunar Eclipse 11:27 P.M. to 1:23 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at about 22h15 on a motion by PK.

Patrick M. Kelly
Secretary