



ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

HALIFAX CENTRE

AGENDA FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 1994 at 7:05pm at the NS Museum of Natural History

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the October 20th meeting
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Reports from members of the executive
 - a) President (DL)
 - b) 1st Vice-President (PK)
 - c) 2nd Vice-President (MLW)
 - d) Secretary (PK)
 - e) Treasurer (IA) - Merchandising meeting results
 - f) Nova Notes Editor (DL)
 - g) National Council Representative (JY)
 - h) Librarian (SM)
 - i) Observing Chairman (PG)
5. Tonight's Agenda - need meeting reporter (!)
Announcements (Messier Certificates), Annual Meeting business (including Treas. Report), What's Up (PG), Roy's item, other member's night items, Handbook Talk (Larry Bogan), Coffee and Cookies
6. Upcoming meetings (DL)
7. Observatory Land Search Committee Report
 - New observing site / recent events
 - Fund raising letter
 - Game plan
8. Plan to Encourage Youth Membership Status
 - Science Fair Poster draft done (DL)
 - What's next???
9. Other business

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December: Heather Cameron - S.O.S Solar Observation Station - A study of solar flares, and aurorae, and geomagnetic storms using a home-built VHF radio receiver.

January: George Stevens, The Discovery of a Nova Scotian Meteor Crater (get title and details from DGT)

February: Tentative - Michael West (SMU) or David Guenther (SMU)

March: David Lane/Paul Gray - The Great Maritime Supernova Hunt at BGO

April: Pat Kelly - Decoding Stonehenge Decoded

May: Annual Banquet - Michael West (SMU) or David Guenther (SMU)

June: Someone BIG! - perhaps Alan Hildebrand (publicized public talk)

POSSIBILITIES:

Peter Reynolds (DAL)
Oceanographer (Tides) - Dave Greenberg (BIO)

MINUTES OF THE
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - HALIFAX CENTRE

November 18th, 1994

Present: Ian Anderson, Roy Bishop, Larry Bogan, Nat Cohen, Paul Gray, Tom Harp, Wesley Howie, Patrick Kelly, Dave Lane, Blair MacDonald, Shawn Mitchell, Clint Shannon, David Turner, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Sherman Williams, Joe Yurchesyn

The meeting convened at 19h06 in the board room at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History.

1) Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was amended as follows:

Item 2) Change "October 20th" to "September 16th" as the September minutes were not approved at the last meeting and the October minutes are not ready.

Approval of the agenda as amended was moved by MLW/JY. Motion carried.

2) Approval of the Minutes of the September 16th Meeting

PK noted that under item 4c "bee" should be "been".

Approval of the minutes as amended was moved by MLW/JY. Motion carried.

3) Business Arising from the Minutes

There is none that is not already on the agenda.

4) Reports from Members of the Executive

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

b) First Vice-President (PK)

The 1995 handbooks have not yet arrived as the post office appears to have lost the package which contained the 1994 covers, payment and order for 1995 copies. Unfortunately, this was not discovered until it was too late to get a shipment in time for this meeting. A replacement cheque and form has been mailed and payment has been stopped on the first cheque.

c) Second Vice-President (MLW)

MLW reported that she had a CV for Heather Cameron, the 15-year old who will be giving the talk at the December meeting. She has been making arrangements for the newspaper interviews, etc.

d) Secretary (PK)

PK reported that the insurance policy from national office had arrived.

e) Treasurer (IA) - Merchandising Meeting Report

IA reported that several decisions had been made at the meeting to look at marketing items. All sales should be recorded in a ledger. Receipts will be issued for items that are paid for and not available at the time. The quantities of new items that are purchased should be limited, especially dated items. All "stale" inventory should be sold, even at below cost prices, to get rid of it.

Moved by JY/SM that a marketing committee be established. It would consist of the treasurer, second vice-president and up to two other members. Motion carried

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)

The deadline for the next issue is tonight.

g) National Council Representative (JY)

As DT had attended the last meeting of the national council, he reported on several of the major items that had been covered including the coverage, or lack thereof, of the national insurance policy, an honorary degree for David Levy, and Astronomy Day for 1995 (May 6th with a theme of "The Stars Belong to Everyone" which will focus on light pollution).

h) Librarian (SM)

SM reported that someone had donated a number of astronomy books to the centre. The donor wanted to know if it was possible to get a tax receipt issued. SM estimated that the books would be worth about \$600 if purchased new.

Moved by DT/BM that the centre issue a tax receipt for \$250. Motion carried

i) Observing Chairman (PG) **No report.**

5) Tonight's Agenda—Need Meeting Reporter (DL)

PK volunteered to do this meeting.

6) Upcoming Meetings (DL)

DL reported that he hoped to bring in "someone big", like Alan Hildebrand) for the June meeting and highly publicize it.

7) Observatory Land Search Committee Report (DL/SM/JY)

An update was given on the access to the new site that Roy had proposed at St. Croix. We now have approval to try the site to see how well it works out and the map will be put in the next issue of NOVA NOTES.

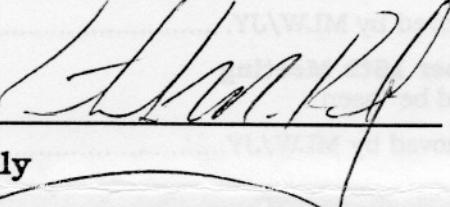
8) Plan to Encourage Youth Membership (DL)

DL has completed a poster for the science fair and felt that the centre should pay to have it duplicated and mailed out to all of the schools.

9) Other Business

There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 20h00 on a motion by SM.


Patrick M. Kelly
Secretary