

MINUTES OF THE  
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - HALIFAX CENTRE

June 16, 1995

Present: Ian Anderson, Roy Bishop, Larry Bogen, Murray Cunningham, Paul Gray, Tom Harp, Pat Kelly, Dave Lane, Blair MacDonald, Shawn Mitchell, Clint Shannon, Steve Smith, Joe Yurchesyn

The meeting convened at 19h10 at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, Halifax.

**1) Approval of the Agenda**

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

**2) Approval of the Minutes of the April Meeting**

Approval of the April minutes was moved by BM/PG.....Motion carried.

**3) Business Arising from the Minutes of the April Meeting**

None.

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

a) President (DL) No report.

b) First Vice-President (BM)

Four more observing sessions for students were held before final exam time. Interest has been expressed in resuming these sessions in the next school year. In reply to the Centre's inquiry, the local Malls have indicated that they are not opposed to sidewalk astronomy programs but they would require notification in advance. The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic is another possible venue for this type of presentation.

c) Second Vice-President (SM)

There are four unsold 1995 RASC calendars left in inventory. They will be offered for sale at \$ 2.00 each.

d) Secretary (TH) No report.

e) Treasurer (IA)

The Centre's cash balance is \$ 1729.50.

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)

Nova Notes will be ready next week.

g) National Council Representative (PK) No Report.

h) Librarian (CS)

A full physical inventory of all library materials will be taken this month. When this is completed, recommendations on the disposition of the materials will be made. Plans are in work to acquire some new books.

i) Observing Chairman (PG) No Report.

**5) Agenda for the next Meeting (DL)**

PK will be the meeting reporter. Announcements (proxies, congratulations to Heather Cameron, Nova East, summer observing session reminder), What's Up, the Paul & Dave Show (aka Supernova Scotia 1995F) and Handbook talk by MLW (who promises to be here for it).

**6) Nova East (DL)**

Another meeting between DL and DP would be useful.

A letter was received from Adrian Bordage (Hampton Club) confirming their June date and asking how many Centre members might be attending. DL has replied to this letter.

**7) Observatory Land Search Committee Report**

**(a) Centre Incorporation (DL)**

Incorporation of the Centre was completed on 28 April, 1995.

**(b) Lease Report (DL)**

A meeting was held with Gary Armsworthy (NSPAC legal advisor) to review the terms of the proposed lease for the St. Croix site. There were no problems arising from the terms of the lease. It was written with good intentions and there were no strong reasons for changing its terms.

A meeting was subsequently held with George Bishop at which all concerns were resolved. A new lease will be forwarded to us shortly. It has been requested and we have agreed to pay the lease registration fee of \$56.00 for 10 years plus an annual fee of \$ 1.00.

The Centre may obtain power at the sight if we supply a transformer and line.

A meeting is to be held with the West Hants Planning Office regarding our plans for the site and a building permit.

**8) Documentary on "Team Supernova Scotia" (DL)**

An independent television producer is proposing to make a documentary on Team SNS. He is searching for a venue (Discovery Channel ?) and funding.

Motion to write a letter of support BM/CS..... Motion Carried.

**9) General Assembly Business (DL)**

Proposals will be made to change the Society's by-laws to permit administrative changes with regard to publications. (Journal to be changed to journal; Journal Editor to be changed to Manager, journal editor. Position of Bulletin Editor to be deleted. )

Motion of support for these proposals SM/BM..... Motion Carried.

**10) Nomination Committee (DL)**

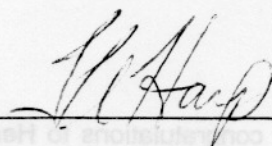
A nominating committee consisting of MLW, DL and a third party to be named later will make recommendations for the 1996 Council at the September meeting.

**11) 1996 RASC Calendar (DL)**

Notification has been received from Rajiv Gupta that next year's calendar will be partially in colour. The Centre's cost for the calendars will be \$ 7.00 each for cash purchases or \$ 8.00 if the calendars are taken on consignment. Last year the Centre paid cash for 50 calendars and took 25 on consignment.

It was suggested that this year we purchase (cash) 60 calendars

The meeting was adjourned at 20h05 on a motion by BM.

  
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**Thomas A. Harp**  
Secretary