

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - HALIFAX CENTRE

**September 15, 1995**

Present: Ian Anderson, Roy Bishop, Dave Chapman, Paul Gray, Tom Harp, Pat Kelly, Dave Lane, Blair MacDonald, Shawn Mitchell, Clint Shannon, Dave Turner, 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 TH/DT.....Motion carried.

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

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

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

Further to item 8), some doubt has arisen in regard to the possible approach to be taken by the producer of the proposed documentary on Team SNS. A letter of support from the Centre for this documentary will be withheld at this time.

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

**a) President (DL)**

President's report will be delivered later in the meeting.

**b) First Vice-President (BM)**

A request to hold an observing session was received. The caller did not leave a complete phone number and a reasonable effort to determine the number was unsuccessful.

**c) Second Vice-President (SM)**

One hundred and ninety five Handbooks have been ordered.

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

**e) Treasurer (IA)**

The Centre's cash balance is \$ 1496.84. A \$5,000 GIC has been re-invested.

**f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)**

Nova Notes for August will be available after the meeting. Unclaimed copies will be mailed.

**g) National Council Representative (PK) Report by DL.**

The August RASC Bulletin will be the prototype of the new format, "Astronomy Canada". A reply card with a questionnaire will be included with the issue to obtain feedback from the Society membership.

PK reported from the GA that Paul Gray and Dave Lane were awarded the Chilton Prize for their discovery of SN1995F.

It was also noted that Pat Kelly received an RASC Service Award.

**h) Librarian (CS)**

A full physical inventory of all library materials has been started. So far, eighteen books have been identified as badly outdated. These books will be disposed of possibly with the assistance of SM. Acquisition of new books has started with the purchase of a second copy of Nightwatch and a copy of the IMO Handbook for Meteor Observation..

i) Observing Chairman (PG)

PG presented an overview of the summer's activities.

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

SM will be the meeting reporter. Announcements (welcome, New Member Committee, Nova Notes reminder, Observatory Committee report, call for nominations), What's Up, Stonehenge - PK, Q&A - BM.

**6) Nova East Report (DL)**

Nova East was run as usual this year. The weather was "so so" but there were some clear skies.

Less time was spent organizing the event than in previous years. Next year a committee will be needed to run the event. The venue next year will be changed to the Chignecto Camp Ground.

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

**(A) Report**

A lease has been signed for the St. Croix site. The site has been surveyed and clearing has been started.

**(B) Motions**

- 1) It was moved that the Observatory Land Search Committee be disbanded.

SM/IA.....Motion Carried.

- 2) It was moved that a new committee be created called the "Observatory Committee" to oversee design, construction, and operating policies for the St. Croix Observatory. It was further moved that the committee chair and at least two members be appointed during this meeting - further members are to be appointed by the committee. The Observing Chair will be a de facto member of this committee.

SM/BM.....Motion Carried.

- 3) It was moved that Shawn Mitchell be appointed as Chair of the Observatory Committee.

DL/TH.....Motion Carried.

- 4) It was moved that Dave Lane and Blair MacDonald be appointed to the Observatory Committee. It was further moved that Roy Bishop be appointed to the Observatory Committee.

SM & PG/PK.....Motion Carried.

- 5) It was moved that a new committee be created called the "Observatory Funding Committee" whose purpose is to raise funds for the construction and operating expenses for the St. Croix Observatory. It was further moved that the chair of this committee be appointed at this meeting. Members of this committee may also be members of the Observatory Committee.

SM/BM.....Motion Carried.

- 6) It was moved that Pat Kelly be appointed as Chair of the Observatory Funding Committee.

SM/BM.....Motion Carried.

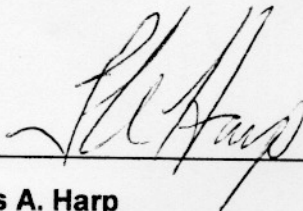
**8) Nomination Committee Report (MLW/DL)**

The final report of the Nominating Committee is appended to these minutes (with apologies for the decode). Some discussion took place with regard to a preliminary committee report.

**9) Other Business**

It was decided to undertake a Sidewalk Astronomy program. DL, BM, DC and TH volunteered to do the presentations.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. Harp', is written over a horizontal line.

**Thomas A. Harp**  
Secretary



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Greetings Executive types;

☐ This is the Official Nominating Committee Report for the RASC  
Halifax Centre October 1995 meeting. Make a hard copy and take it with  
you to the next meeting on Oct. 20/95 where the issue will be  
discussed in my absence. Below is the refined/adjusted 1996 Executive  
list. It is not carved in stone- nominations and (gak!) elections  
are still allowed. Mull it around amongst yourselves and see if it  
can be made to work. Lane, Harp and Talbot will have to decide about  
the editor/secretary/councillor thing. MLW is agreeable to helping  
Gray organize Nova East '96 - in fact, has already begun working with  
Fundy Park towards next year's event.

☐ See you in St. Croix,

☐ M. Lou

#### RASC HALIFAX CENTRE EXECUTIVE LIST

☐ 1995 ☐ 1996

President ☐ Dave Lane ☐ Dave Chapman  
1st Vp ☐ Blair Macdonald ☐ Blair Macdonald  
2nd VP ☐ Shawn Mitchell ☐ Shawn Mitchell

Secretary ☐ ☐ Tom Harp ☐ ☐ Tom Harp/Darren Talbot  
Treasurer ☐ ☐ Ian Anderson ☐ ☐ Ian Anderson  
Librarian ☐ ☐ Clint Shannon ☐ ☐ Clint Shannon  
Obs. Chair ☐ ☐ Paul Gray ☐ ☐ Paul Gray  
Nat. Rep. ☐ ☐ Pat Kelly ☐ ☐ Pat Kelly  
N. N. Ed. ☐ ☐ Dave Lane ☐ ☐ Dave Lane/Tom Harp  
V.o.W. (Voice of Wisdom) Roy Bishop ☐ ☐ Roy Bishop  
Councillors ☐ ☐ Dave Turner ☐ ☐ Dave Turner  
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☐ ☐ ☐ Doug Pitcairn ☐ ☐ Darren Talbot