

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

October 20, 1995

Present: Ian Anderson, Larry Bogen, Paul Gray, Tom Harp, Pat Kelly, Dave Lane, Shawn Mitchell, Clint Shannon, Darren Talbot (DTt), Dave Turner (DTr)

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/CS.....Motion carried.

2) Approval of the Minutes of the June Meeting

Approval of the September minutes was moved by CS/DT.....Motion carried.

3) Business Arising from the Minutes of the September Meeting

Further to item 3), the SuperNova Scotia documentary appears to be dead.

Further to item 6), it appears that getting the Chignecto Campground in August next year will be a problem. At a minimum, payment in advance will likely be required. Adrian Bordage from the New Brunswick group is also getting the same sort of feedback from Parks. At this time the Chignecto Campground can't be confirmed as the venue for Nova East '96.

4) Reports from Members of the Executive

a) President (DL)

Based on a request from the Nova Scotia Museum, the Librarian was requested to examine the top of our locker to determine if any Centre property was being stored there and if so to remove it.

b) First Vice-President (BM) No Report

c) Second Vice-President (SM)

Atlantic News has offered the Centre a display window for a week. We will take them up on this offer, hopefully in December when Handbooks and Calendars will be available for display.

d) Secretary (TH) No report.

e) Treasurer (IA)

The Centre's cash balance is \$ 618.19. A cheque in the amount of \$ 736.90 has been sent to National Office.

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)

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

g) National Council Representative (PK)

The next meeting of National Council will be held on November 25 in Toronto.

h) Librarian (CS)

The review of Library assets is still in work but has been delayed in the last month by travel.

i) Observing Chairman (PG)

PG presented a brief review of the Leonids meteor shower.

5) Agenda for Tonight's Meeting (DL)

DTr will be the meeting reporter (notwithstanding a damaged hand). Announcements (welcome, New Member Committee, Nova Notes reminder, Observatory Committee report, call for nominations, notice of proposal to change constitution), What's Up, Video "So Many Galaxies, Too Little Time", Handbook Study - CS.

6) Future Meetings (DL)

Ideas for meetings are becoming scarce. DL would very much appreciate some assistance in this area on an ongoing basis.

7) Annual Meeting (DL)

The Centre's Annual Meeting will be held next Month. Reports are required from the President and the Treasurer. A summary of activities is also required from the Second Vice-President (Sales).

8) November National Council Meeting (DL)

Motion to allow DL to replace PK as the Centre representative. PK/DTr.....Motion carried.

Motion to reimburse DL for half of his airfare (\$ 162.93). I/TH.....Motion carried.

The Secretary was requested to write a letter to the National Secretary informing him of the change in the Centre's representative.

9a) Observatory Committee Report (SM)

After some discussion it was decided that design criteria for the observatory would be a topic for discussion at Executive Council meetings from time to time.

A discussion was held with the West Hants Building Inspector. Land Use by-laws are being checked. The major difficulty at this time appears to be a requirement that structures must be erected no closer than 50 ft. from a watercourse. We must get a relaxation on this requirement or change our planned observatory location.

Motions:

1) It was moved that the Observatory Committee be permitted to spent up to \$ 1,000 for site preparation conditional on approval of the site by the Building Inspector.

SM/CS.....Motion carried.

2) It was moved that the Observatory Committee be permitted to purchase a 5 KW generator for an amount not to exceed \$ 1,000 to facilitate construction activities and to provide power at the site in the future.

SM.....Held in abeyance until the November meeting.

9b) Finance Committee Report (PK)

A draft letter of solicitation has been prepared. It requires a re-write before being sent to a list server.

10) Sackville Telescope Session (DL)

The Centre has received a request from a teacher to do a repeat observing session for a group of grade 4, 5 & 6 students. This session will likely be held in late November or early December. DL, DTt and BM will conduct the session.

11) Financial Audit

Larry Bogen is willing to accept this task.

12) Nomination Committee Report (DL)

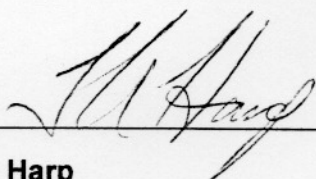
The final final report of the committee is as follows:

President	David Chapman
First Vice-President	Blair MacDonald
Second Vice-President	Shawn Mitchell
Secretary	Tom Harp
Treasurer	Ian Anderson
Observing Chairperson	Paul Gray
Nova Notes Editor	David Lane
National Council Rep.	Pat Kelly
Librarian	Clint Shannon
Councillors	David Turner, Mary Lou Whitehorne and Darren Talbot

13) Other Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 19h55 on a motion by PK.



Thomas A. Harp
Secretary