

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

November 17, 1995

Present: Ian Anderson, Roy Bishop, Larry Bogen, Dave Chapman, Paul Gray, Tom Harp, Pat Kelly, Dave Lane, Blair MacDonald, Shawn Mitchell, Clint Shannon, Darren Talbot (DJT), Mary Lou Whitehorne

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 BM/CS..... Motion carried.

2) Approval of the Minutes of the October Meeting

Approval of the October minutes was moved by CS/BM..... Motion carried.

3) Business Arising from the Minutes of the October Meeting

Further to item 10), the Sackville school telescope session will be delayed until the new year. The teacher in question has been otherwise occupied.

4) Reports from Members of the Executive

a) President (DL) No Report

b) First Vice-President (BM)

The Department of Tourism has managed to get the dates and location wrong for the Centre's public observing sessions next summer. Corrections are in work. The dates for next summer are July 19 and August 23.

c) Second Vice-President (SM)

A proposal was made to raise funds for the Observatory by selling 50/50 tickets at every meeting for \$ 1 per ticket.

Motion by CS/BM..... Motion Carried.

A proposal was made to auction off the books removed from the library at the December meeting. It was added that these be auctioned at any price.

Motion by CS/BM// Addition IA/PK..... Carried.

d) Secretary (TH) No report.

e) Treasurer (IA)

The Centre's cash balance is \$ 1148.69.

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)

The next issue of Nova Notes will be completed in about two weeks. December 1 is the deadline for submissions.

g) National Council Representative (PK) No Report

h) Librarian (CS)

The review of Library assets has been completed with twelve additional volumes being removed

i) Observing Chairman (PG) No Report

5) Agenda for Tonight's Meeting (DL)

Tonight's lucky meeting reporter will be Dave Chapman. The order of service will be Announcements, Annual Meeting (minutes by Secretary), What's Up, Member's Night and Coffee & Cookies.

6) Year End Filings (DL)

As noted in the agenda since the Centre is now a corporation, the year's financial records must be filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

7) Observatory Committee Report (SM)

The site which the Centre had proposed for the observatory has been approved by the West Hants Building Inspector. For land use purposes the site is to be designated as an Observatory Park.

Tree cutting and site clearing is progressing well. Two loads of gravel have been delivered for the driveway with one more load to be delivered. The next work party will be scheduled after the third load of gravel has been delivered.

8) Finance Committee Report (PK)

The letter of solicitation has been prepared and will be sent to a list server. A list of contributors will be kept by IA. Moneys received will have to be routed through National Office to get tax receipts for the doners.

9) Nova East (MLW/PG)

Fundy Park has been contacted regarding our use of the Chignecto campground for next year's Nova East. It has many advantages over the Mic Mac campground. Objections were raised by the Park since this is a better site and has better revenue generating potential. It appears that we will be able to reach an agreement with the Park but it will mean that those attending and not actually providing public service will have to pay the fees normally charged by the Park. Watch for further details.

10) McLaughlin Planetarium Closing (DL)

Word has been received that budget cuts are to force the closure of the McLaughlin Planetarium in Toronto. The Toronto Centre has sent us a petition opposing this action. All members are encouraged to sign the petition which DL will take with him to Toronto. This is to be announced at the meeting.

11) 12) Sky News (DL)

Motion to subscribe and acquire back issues BM/PK..... Motion Carried.

13) Other Business

None.

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



Thomas A. Harp
Secretary