

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

December 15, 1995

Present: Ian Anderson, Dave Chapman, Paul Gray, Tom Harp, Pat Kelly, Dave Lane, Blair MacDonald, Shawn Mitchell, Clint Shannon, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Joe Yurchesyn

The meeting convened at 19h07 at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, Halifax.

1) Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the agenda was moved by TH/CS..... Motion carried.

2) Approval of the Minutes of the November Meeting

Approval of the November minutes (items renumbered) was moved by BM/MLW..... Motion carried.

3) Business Arising from the Minutes of the November Meeting

Further to item 4b), Department of Tourism has acknowledged their error regarding the public observing sessions and are attempting to correct it.

Further to item 10), the closing of the McLaughlin Planetarium was discussed at the National Council.

4) Reports from Members of the Executive

a) President (DL)

Apologies, I need a fillin here.

b) First Vice-President (BM)

A report was submitted on the Centre's advertising. PSAs are now sent to the media via e-mail and FAX.

c) Second Vice-President (SM)

Calendar sales are going very well. Twenty additional calendars have been ordered

d) Secretary (TH) No report.

e) Treasurer (IA)

The Centre's cash balance is \$ 1326.44. Two T-shirts worth approximately \$ 25 were written off.

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)

The current issue of Nova Notes has been mailed. February 1 is the deadline for submissions for the next issue.

g) National Council Representative (DL for PK)

A detailed report of the National Council meeting was presented.

h) Librarian (CS)

The Centre subscription to Sky News has been started and back issues have been ordered.

i) Observing Chairman (PG) No Report

5) Agenda for Tonight's Meeting (DL)

The order of service will be Announcements, What's Up, "Cow Jumped Over the Moon" (MLW), Handbook Talk - Mel Blake and Coffee & Cookies.

6) Observatory Committee Report (SM)

A third load of gravel for the driveway has been delivered. This will likely be the last activity before the "Winter Break".

It has been suggested by Doug Pitcairn that the design of the Observatory be done as a TUNS Architecture design project. There was general agreement on this proposal.

7) Finance Committee Report (PK)

The letter of solicitation has been prepared and will be sent to a list server next week.

An application for an RASC National grant will be looked into.

8) Nova East (PG)

A meeting will be convened by PG in early January to start the planning process for next year's Nova East.

9) National Meeting Report (DL)

See item 4g).

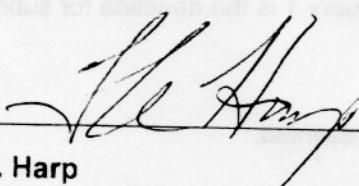
10) Telescope (DL)

A 6" f8 home built telescope on an equatorial mount is in need of a home. FREE.

11) Other Business (MLW)

In looking through R. Brooks' old papers, it appears the Centre was first incorporated in 1985. These papers will be passed on to the Observing Chairman for safe keeping.

The meeting was adjourned at 20h00 on a motion by TH.



Thomas A. Harp
Secretary