

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

January 19, 1996

Present: Ian Anderson, Roy Bishop, Larry Bogen, Dave Chapman, Paul Gray, Tom Harp, Pat Kelly, Dave Lane, Shawn Mitchell, Doug Pitcairn, Dave Turner, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Joe Yurchesyn

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.....Adopted.

2) Approval of the Minutes of the December Meeting

Item 11) "Observing Chairman" should be "President".

Approval of the December minutes as amended was moved by SM/DC.....Motion carried.

3) Business Arising from the Minutes of the December Meeting

Further to item 4h), the back issues of Sky News have been received.

Further to item 10), the telescope has found a new home.

4) Reports from Members of the Executive

a) President (DC)

A meeting was held with DL to hand over the reins of power.

A review of the duties of the members of the Executive Council will be undertaken.

A more formal file system has been set up and in this regard some materials were purchased.

Motion to reimburse DC for file system materials, MLW/PG.....Motion Carried.

b) First Vice-President (BM) Absent.

c) Second Vice-President (SM) No Report.

d) Secretary (TH)

A sympathy card has been purchased for the family of Marie Fidler who passed away earlier this month. Members are encouraged to sign if they wish. The card will be mailed to the address received from Rosemary Freeman.

e) Treasurer (IA)

The Centre's cash balance is \$ 1280.86.

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)

The next issue of Nova Notes will be prepared next weekend. The deadline for submissions is January 26.

DL has purchased a postage meter for his business (Nova Astronomics) and it is proposed to use this machine for Nova Notes as well. This means that there will be no receipts for the mailing of Nova Notes. It was agreed that DL (Nova Astronomics) would invoice the Centre for the cost of mailing Nova Notes and that he would be reimbursed based on the invoice.

g) National Council Representative (DL & PK)

The next Council meeting will be held in late March.

The response to the new bulletin format has been very favorable with 90% of replies in favor.

h) Observing Chairman (PG)

Winter access to the Observatory site does not appear to be a problem. The road is plowed but we will have to make some arrangements for our driveway in the future.

5) **Agenda for Tonight's Meeting (DC)**

Tonight's meeting reporter will be Dave Turner

The order of service will be Announcements, What's Up, Hubble Space Telescope Pictures, Nova East, "Stellar Evolution" (Doug Pitcairn) and Coffee & Cookies.

6) **Observatory Committee & Finance Committee Reports (SM & PK)**

Construction at the Observatory site will restart in the Spring.

Letters soliciting donations for the Observatory have been mailed.

7) **Nova East (PG)**

A meeting was held on January 17 to start the planning process for next year's Nova East. A presentation will be made at tonight's meeting.

8) **Burke-Gaffney Award (DC)**

The Nova Notes Editor (DL) will prepare a short list of articles for consideration by February 6.

DC and PG will review this list.

9) **Absence of President-March Meeting (DC)**

A prior commitment prevents DC from attending the March meeting. There will be no Executive Council meeting prior to the Centre meeting in March.

An extended Executive Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 6/96 starting at 7 pm at Doug Pitcairn's house (Thanks Doug !).(13 Ferguson Rd., phone 463-7196).

10) **Upcoming Meetings and Events (DC)**

February Speaker: D. Richardson (CITA) Possible Topics Extrasolar Planets or SL9.

Motion to fund up to \$ 200 and try for minimum expenditure PK/TH..... Motion Carried.

March Speaker: Gretchen Harris

Alternate or future date: John Connally

April Lunar Eclipse DC organising

BM assisting with public observing

Maritime Museum suggested as a venue

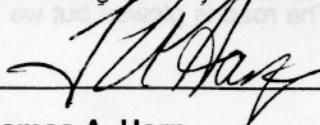
Further discussion next month

Motion to fund printing of additional brochures up to \$ 50, DL/SM..... Motion Carried.

11) **Other Business, Regional Science Fair**

Action to be taken on the solicitation received by DC.

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



Thomas A. Harp
Secretary