

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - HALIFAX CENTRE
June 21, 1996**

Present: Ian Anderson, Larry Bogan, Dave Chapman, Pat Kelly, Blair MacDonald, Shawn Mitchell, Dave Turner

The meeting convened at 19h15 at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, Halifax

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the May Meeting

Approval of the May minutes was moved by BM/PK Motion Carried

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the May Meeting - None

4. Reports from Members of the Executive

a) President (DC)

Diane Brooks was happy to learn she will be receiving the Burke-Gaffney Award. She said she'd like a copy of a specific book as her award gift. (Book unnamed). Our speaker for September has been confirmed. It will be Roy Bishop on Tides. We have received paperwork from the museum for request for rooms. It was decided that we will stay with the third friday for the '96-'97 season.

b) First Vice-President (BM)

The Maritime Museum seems to be agreeable to a waterside astronomy chat by BM. The first chat has been scheduled for the first quarter moon date in July. Concerning public observing sessions for the summer at Dollar Lake: more Government bureaucratic involvement. They want attendance numbers for the event which has not happened yet.

c) Second Vice-President (SM)

Motion by SM/BM that \$80 be spent on merchandise from the Atlantic Space & Science Foundation for Nova East. Motion Carried

If sales of this merchandise are successful, we will consider buying more in the future for general sales revenue.

d) Secretary (TH) - absent

e) Treasurer (IA)

Centre's cash balance as of today \$1,616.49. A reminder from IA to wrap up calendar sales and other business records for the approaching year-end. IA's new phone number: 542-0772.

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL) - absent

g) National Council Representative (PK)

There will be a vote on the new U of T accounting proposal at the next National Council meeting

h) Observing Chairman (PG) - absent

5. Tonight's Meeting

- DT will be the meeting reporter
- Announcements including signing of Freeman's Retirement Card, \$ Lake public observing over summer
- What's Up? to be handled by SM tonight
- Speaker: Larry Bogan on Determining Orbit
- RASC observer's Handbook Talk: PK on Double Star Section
- Summer activities
- Social hour

6. Observatory Committee (SM)

We have accepted a bid from a contractor who has agreed to excavate, clear gravel, stumps, remove brush etc, for \$1,300. Concrete will be supplied to us in 2 weeks for \$2,000.

7. Nova East Committee (PG) - absent

8. Burke-Gaffney Award - See President's report above

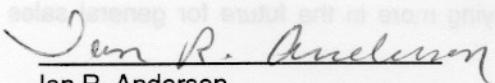
9. Other Business

A discussion of speakers for the autumn meeting. Suggestions welcome.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Canada Day weekend: RASC GA
- July 19: Public Observing @ Dollar Lake
- August 16-18: Nova East
- August 23: Public Observing @ Dollar Lake
- September 20: Dr Roy Bishop - Tides

The meeting was adjourned at 19h54.


Ian R. Anderson
Acting Secretary