

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

November 15, 1996

Present: Ian Anderson, Dave Chapman, Murray Cunningham, Tom Harp, Pat Kelly, Dave Lane, Shawn Mitchell, Clint Shannon, Dave Turner, Mary Lou Whitehorse

The meeting convened at 19h10 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 October Meeting

The minutes for the October meeting were approved on a motion from DT/DL..... Motion Carried.

3) Business Arising from the Minutes of the October Meeting

None.

4) Reports from Members of the Executive

a) President (DC)

Report will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Request that an electronic file of the Centre brochure be transferred from DL to DC.

b) First Vice-President (BM) Absent

c) Second Vice-President (SM)

RASC calendars are now available for sale at Atlantic News. A quantity of twenty calendars was given to Bill Thurlow for sale on Prince Edward Island.

Fifty BOGs have been ordered from Head Office. This order has not yet been acknowledged and will have to be followed up.

d) Secretary (TH)

No report.

e) Treasurer (IA)

The Centre's cash balance is \$ 2,191.52. The Annual Report will be presented in a preliminary form at the AGM. A final report will be published in Nova Notes.

f) NOVA NOTES Editor (DL)

The October issue of Nova Notes was mailed November 11. The next issue will be prepared in time to be handed out at the December meeting. Deadline for submissions will be the end of November.

g) National Council Representative (PK)

Discussion of the application of the GST on RASC renewals.

h) Observing Chairman (PG) Absent

i) Observatory Committee (SM)

The roll off roof is nearing completion. Close to \$ 13,000 has been spent on the site to date. (DL's Visa is looking a bit shabby from use.)

A more detailed report will be presented at the AGM.

j) Nova East Committee (PG) Absent

5) Tonight's Meeting

- PK will be the meeting reporter
- Announcements (welcome, new member contact, brochures, free BOG to new members)
- Pet Peeve: Sky Publishing (DC)
- Solar Eclipse '98 (MLW)
- What's Up? (SM)
- Award of certificates by MC
- AGM: minutes, Reports from Officers, Science Fair Motion, Elections, Auditor
- Member's Night: Roy Bishop, Dave Lane, Dave Turner, Dave Chapman
- Social Hour

6) **Ken Chilton Prize**

A motion that the Halifax Centre nominate Heather Cameron for the 1996 Ken Chilton Prize was presented to the Executive Council.

DL/CS..... Motion Carried

The council requested that MLW prepare and submit the Citation

7) Urgent Request for Speakers for Next Year

DT suggested that SMU grad students be invited as speakers with appropriate persuasion.

SM & DL suggested a speaker exchange with the London Centre since both Centres are building observing sites.

The idea of inviting Doug George as a speaker was suggested again

11) Other Business

None

Upcoming Meetings and Events (DC)

December 13

The Great Telescope Debate

Beginner's Night

MI W "Cartoons"

PK Binoculars

DC Easy Messier Objects

CS Books and Magazines

The meeting was adjourned at 19h55.

Thomas A. Harp
Secretary