

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

September 19, 1997.

Present: Robin Clayton, Greg Spearns, Dave Chapman, Paul Gray, Shawn Mitchell, Dave Lane, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Clint Shannon, Pat Kelly, Ian Anderson, Murray Cunningham

Absent: Blair MacDonald

The meeting was called to order at about 19h05m by Dave Chapman, President

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes for the June '97 meeting were approved. (moved by DC, seconded by DL)

3. Business arising from the minutes

- SM will bring in Joe Y's 17.5" mirror.

4. Reports from members of the Executive

4a - President - June 21st Star-B-Q at St. Croix was declared a nice event, sidewalk observing was successful, NE successful again this year.

4b - 1st VP - no report

4c - 2nd VP - CS had David Levy's latest book purchased and autographed by the Shoemaker-Levy team for the Centre library. He is also looking after '97 Handbooks and returns to NO for credit. '98 calendars are in; prices are \$12.00 to members and non-members, \$10.00 to retailers. '98 Handbook prices to be determined.

4d - secretary - we need a fill-in secretary for October since MLW will be in New Brunswick and will miss the meeting.

4e - treasurer - cash account \$4616.98, savings account \$2182.31, loose change \$ 276.50.

4f - NN Editor - DL is stepping down so we need a new editor, deadline for next issue is October meeting date.

4g - Nat'l Rep - **Motion** - PK moves the DL (seconded by CS) be appointed as Alternate National Rep for the fall NC meeting. **Motion carried**.

MLW to send e-mail to Nat'l Sec'ty and Exec Sec'ty to that effect. A full NC report is to be found in the August Journal; Sky News will be continued with membership, National finances are in good shape, membership nationally is up, NO is putting together a New Members package.

4h - Obs. Chair - the missing C-8: SM will derive list of former members from the prior two years who are no longer in contact with the centre. The Executive Council directed Paul Grey to contact the people on the list and inquire about the C-8.

4i - Nova East - attendance was down from 80 of last year to 60 this year. Profits are in IA's hands. Good public attendance of about 450 people at events. Dates for NE'98 are August 21 - 23. PG described the developing relationship between NE, Astro Atlantik and Fundy Park.

4j - librarian - there are 6 new books in the library; 2 videos and 3 books missing by way of a former member who absconded with the goods. We will look at replacing what we can.

5. Meeting Report Volunteer

Anna Myers graciously volunteered for the duty this time.

6. Nominating Committee

Consists of MLW, DL & DC (again!) It'll be a tough job since so many key positions have to be filled this time.

7. Speakers & activities fro upcoming meetings:-

DC needs suggestions; we're a bit thin on ideas...

Meeting adjourned at 19h58m on a motion by Captain Chapman.