

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

November 21, 1997.

Present: Blair MacDonald, Dave Chapman, Shawn Mitchell, Dave Lane, Mary Fraser, Roy Bishop,
Mary Lou Whitehorne, Clint Shannon, Pat Kelly, Ian Anderson

Absent: Robin Clayton, Greg Spearns, Paul Gray, Murray Cunningham

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 October '97 meeting were deferred until December.

3. Business arising from the minutes

- deferred

4. Reports from members of the Executive

4a - President - Burke-Gaffney book prize fro Roy Bishop has been obtained and will be presented to Roy this evening. There are two observing certificates to be presented and the President's report is ready to go in Nova Notes.

4b - 1st VP - Maritime Museum of the Atlantic wants an update on our public observing activities for next summer so that they can publish same in the museum newsletter.

4c - 2nd VP - CS has his report ready for Nova Notes and to present to the members tonight. Calendars and comet photos will be for sale at the meeting.

4d - secretary - no report

4e - treasurer - cash account \$5930, some bills are owing, the unaudited financial report is ready to present to the membership tonight.

4f - NN Editor - Deadline for next issue is December 12/97.

4g - Nat'l Rep - National RASC has surplus this year of \$42000; Journal is firing present production design house and hiring Brian Segal in their place.

4h & 4i - Obs. Chair - work on St. Croix observatory proceeding very well, most task are completed with a few smaller things left to finish. Dave Chapman will call Paul Gray and inquire about status of search fro missing C-* telescope, and about Paul's interest in continuing to organise Nova East.

4j - librarian - no report

5. Meeting Report Volunteer

Blair MacDonald was appointed to the task and instructed not to "weenie out" of the job.

6. Speakers & activitiles for upcoming meetings: -

Dec. - George Fowler - Tales of Brave Ulysses

Jan. - Rachid Ouyed - Jupiter: is it a Star?

Feb. - Steve Campana - An Observatory on My House

Mar. - Michael West

Apr. - Dan Hutt - Sun dogs, Halos, etc.

7. Other Business

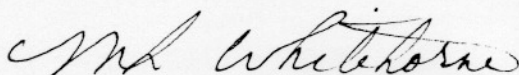
DL reports that UNICEF called and asked if the RASC would consider donating a group visit to our observatory as a prize for a silent auction that they are holding. The exec. council agreed to sponsor this activity and volunteers have stepped forward. DL will contact UNICEF and inform them of the decision.

DL reports that membership is 158 for 1997, an increase over last year.

Motion: DL moves that the Centre library consider purchasing a number of books from Nat Cohen's collection. Seconded by CS. Motion carried.

IA reports that Rajiv Gupta has sent the Centre a copy of the National Society's insurance cover letter.

Meeting declared adjourned at 19h55m by Captain Chapman.



Mary Lou Whitehorne,
Secretary, Halifax Centre RASC