

# Royal Astronomical Society of Canada - Halifax Centre

## AGENDA: Executive Council Meeting—December 1997

1. Approval of Agenda
- 2a. Approval of minutes from October's meeting
- 2b. Approval of minutes from November's meeting
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Reports from members of the Executive
  - a) President (DC)
  - b) 1st Vice-President (BM)
  - c) 2nd Vice-President (CS)
  - d) Secretary (MLW)
  - e) Treasurer (IA)
  - f) Nova Notes Editor (DL)
  - g) National Council Representative (PK)
  - h) Observing/Observatory Chair (SM)
  - i) Nova East (PG)
  - j) Library (GS)
5. Meeting report volunteer
6. Speakers/activities for upcoming meetings
7. Other Business

Iah.

### Upcoming Meetings and Events:

December: George Fowler: Tales of Brave Ulysses

January: Rachid Ouyed (SMU) "Jupiter: Is it a Star?"

February: Steve Campana: home observatory and photography

Michael West:

Dan Hutt: halos, sun dogs, and rainbows?

## AGENDA: Main Meeting

- announcements
  - welcome, membership committee, brochures, schedule
  - memberships, handbooks, BOGs, for sale
- What's Up?
- January: Rachid Ouyed (SMU) "Jupiter: Is it a Star?"
- main event: George Fowler: Tales of Brave Ulysses
- social hour

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

December 12, 1997.

Present: Dave Chapman, Blair MacDonald, Shawn Mitchell, Dave Lane, Mary Fraser, Roy Bishop, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Ian Anderson, Larry Bogan, *DAVE TURNER*

Absent: Robin Clayton, Greg Spearns, Paul Gray, Murray Cunningham, Clint Shannon, Pat Kelly

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. a & b. Approval of minutes from the last 2 meetings**

The minutes for the October '97 meeting were accepted by the Executive Committee.

**3. Business arising from the minutes**

**a.** - DC will write PG a letter asking for details of the situation surrounding the disappearance of the C-8, so that the Centre has a formal record of its loss. There was a log book kept for the scope but it seems to have gotten lost when PG moved house. DC has asked that the Observing Chairman perform a complete inventory of all "mobile" Centre assets.

**b.** - the 17.5" mirror - tests came back from RLB concluding that it is an OK mirror. This passing grade allows the Centre to proceed with the purchase of the mirror.

**4. Reports from members of the Executive**

**4a** - President - bought a neat book for the library on telescope making.

**4b** - 1st VP - no report

**4c** - 2nd VP - no report

**4d** - secretary - no report

**4e** - treasurer - cash account \$3413.99, auditor's report is in, everything is "hunky dorey." Reports will be filed with Registry of Joint Stock Companies.

**4f** - NN Editor - last issue for 1997 will be out soon. DL has enjoyed being editor and looks forward to moving from NN to the position of treasurer in 1998.

**4g** - Nat'l Rep - no report

**4h** - Obs. Chair - SM had a weird phone call from somebody in Quebec who wants to use our observatory. They will be referred back to National Office.

**4i** - Nova East - no report

**4j** - librarian - no report

**5. Meeting Report Volunteer**

Like a lamb to the slaughter, Ian Anderson has volunteered to do duty this time.

**6. Speakers & activities for upcoming meetings:-**

Very brief discussion took place - no conclusions drawn.

**7. Other Business**

No other business

**Motion to adjourn meeting made by B. MacD. Meeting adjourned at 19h45m**



Mary Lou Whitehorne,  
Secretary, Halifax Centre RASC