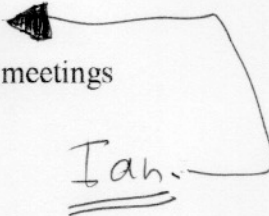


Royal Astronomical Society of Canada - Halifax Centre

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 minuteses
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



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

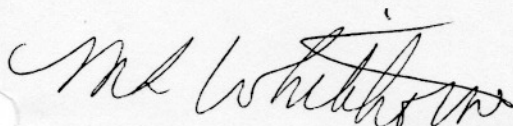
Like a lamb to the slaughter, Ian Anderson has volunteered to do duty this time.

6. Speakers & activities for upcoming meetings: -

Very brief discussion took place - no conclusions drawn.

No other business

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



Mary Lou Whitehorne,
Secretary, Halifax Centre RASC