

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
HALIFAX CENTRE
MARCH 19, 1999**

Present: Clint Shannon, Pat Kelly, Ian Anderson, Dave Lane, Shawn Mitchell, Michael Falk, Stephen Tancock, Dave Chapman, John Jarvo, Tony Jones, Roy Bishop

Absent: Mike Boschat

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by pres. Clint Shannon.

1. Approval of the agenda.

The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the February 19th meeting were accepted by the executive committee.

3. Business arising form the minutes of last meeting.

Clint Shannon spoke with Steve Carrigan a few weeks ago and has left messages on his answering machine in hopes that if he contacts us someone can run over and get the C8 filter .

4. Reports from the members of the executive.

4a. President- A letter was sent to Mr. Watson (Nat'l. Exec. Council) concerning the Halifax Centre bylaw change section 8.03(2) discussed and voted on at the September 1998 meeting . Mr. Watson's response was that there was no need for the change , as it is ok to have one person be treasurer and national rep. at the same time . President Clint Shannon therefore thought that this matter should be brought up at tonight's meeting and another vote should be taken to rescind the change of Sept.18/ 98 .

4b. 1st VP- Meeting was on events listing on the space channel and our internet site , looking into continuing it for next month .

4c. 2nd VP- A record for sales totalling \$105 was submitted to the treasurer, while retaining a \$10 float for change for further sales .

4d. Secretary- No Report

4e. Treasurer- Our dollar land lease was paid, our insurance policy was renewed and the fee to register as a society was paid . Annual forms were submitted to the secretary to fill in and mail .

4f. Editor NN- The new printer is working nicely and printing costs are approximately half now. Submissions for the next issue of N. N. should be in by the April meeting .

4g. Nat'l. Rep.- The Nat'l Rep. will be attending the General Assembly from July 1st to the 7th in Toronto. The society has moved it's membership handling in house and due to setup costs purchase of a computer and office furniture etc... there is a deficit this year. Also an NGC certificate is to be presented to a member at tonight's regular meeting .

4h. Obs. Chair- No Report

4i. Obs. Chair- No Report

4j. Librarian- No Report

5. Meeting report volunteer- Dave Chapman

6. Other Business

The Burke Gaffney Award Committee has selected a recipient .

7. Motion .

The point of the bylaw change was motioned by Mary Lou Whitehorne seconded by Roy Bishop and membership voted to rescind the Sept. 98 bylaw change by a 2/3 majority.



**Stephen Tancock Secretary
Halifax centre R.A.S.C.**