

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
HALIFAX CENTRE
MAY 21, 1999**

Present: Clint Shannon, Pat Kelly, Ian Anderson, Dave Lane, Shawn Mitchell, Mike Boschat, Stephen Tancock, Michael Falk, John Jarvo

Absent: Dave Chapman, Tony Jones, Roy Bishop

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 April 16th meeting were accepted by the executive committee.

3. Business arising from the minutes of last meeting.

Darren Talbot ran over and recovered the C8 filter from Steve Carrigan a few weeks ago.

4. Reports from the members of the executive.

4a. President-The eclipse charter is a go so far and the Tim's is open in the airport .

4b. 1st VP- No Report

4c. 2nd VP- Three invoices were issued to the retailers for approximately \$1000 .

4d. Secretary- No Report

4e. Treasurer- Our funds are \$5615 in the bank \$2328 in investments and we have about 171 paid members at this time .

4f. Editor NN- The next deadline for articles is the June meeting .

4g. Nat'l. Rep.- Bylaw changes at the upcomming G.A. were discussed and the importance of voting or filling in the proxy form .

4h. Obs. Chair- At St.Croix observatory the C8 is now on it's pier and is being polar aligned other projects are the gate and getting rid of some of the brush . Also washroom facilities were discussed .

4i. Obs. Chair- Venus observations have been very good lately, a group is organizing to make more observations .

4j. Librarian- With a little help the library books can be thinned out now .

5. Meeting report volunteer- Pat Kelly

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6. Other Business

*There was a discussion about getting fliers made for the August 11th total solar eclipse and informing the media.

*Nova East will start on the 12 th of August we may be sharing the buildings with a few regular campers or have scopes setup in a separate field however this may not happen .

*Shawn Mitchell was requested to arrange with St Mary's University for the October meeting to take place there so other members could get a chance to see the facility .

Stephen Tancock

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