

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
HALIFAX CENTRE
APRIL 14, 2000**

Present: David Tindall, Pat Kelly, Ian Anderson, Dave Lane, Stephen Tancock, Shawn Mitchell, Paul Evans, Michael Falk, Roy Bishop, Clint Shannon, Dave Chapman, John Jarvo

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by pres. David Tindall .

1. Approval of the agenda.

The council approved the agenda for the meeting .

2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting .

The council approved the minutes of the March 17th 2000 meeting .

3. Business arising from the minutes of last meeting .

The move to St.Marys was discussed between various members of the centre executive and administrative People at St.Marys . Wanda Robinson indicated that we might have to pay to be guaranteed the 255 room at St.Marys . Since we had explained to Gary Welch and Colin Dodds that the centre was looking to acquire a meeting room for free in exchange for any assistance the centre might be able to offer to the astronomy department. We believed that there had been a slight misunderstanding, the members of the executive will restate that we prefer 255 but will accept other rooms in Sobey if it is unavailable for a certain month.

4. Reports from the members of the executive .

4a. President- The discussion of the library is to be postponed until our future plans are finalized.

4b. 1st VP- The website can now be updated regularly as to the times and place of the meetings .

4c. 2nd-VP- We have approximately \$900 in retail income so far in 2000 . The observer handbook is not selling as well as expected and we were forced to raise the cost of the BOGS from \$12 to \$14 because our cost for them went up .

4d. Secretary- No Report

4e. Treasurer- Our funds are \$7737 in the bank \$2399 in investments and total current assets are \$8833 .

4f. Editor NN- The April issue is almost ready to go out .

4g. Nat'l. Rep.- The vote at the recent general meeting was unanimous to raise the membership fee from \$36 to \$40 and life from \$720 to ~\$800 this was because of a predicted deficit of ~\$20,000 . The annual general assembly is in Winnipeg this year . Our centre dropped to 7th in size but membership has increased at both local and national levels there are now 4122 members in total .

4h. Obs. Chair- The 17" scope project is now at the ready to assembled stage . The washroom facility project was discussed, enough funds are available and we should be able to start on it some time this summer .

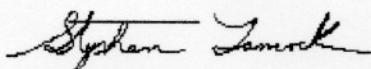
4i. Obs. Chair- No Report

4j. Librarian- No Report

5. Meeting report volunteer- Pat Kelly

6. Other Business

*Dave Chapman brought in the 8" scope that was donated to the centre council looked it over and decided that the centre didn't need another scope in this range especially without a mount and as large as an f:8 Council decided to put the scope up for sale as a fixer upper project .



Stephen Tancock Secretary
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