

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
HALIFAX CENTRE
OCTOBER 20, 2000**

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

Absent: Ian Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 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 September 15th meeting.

3. Business arising from the minutes of last meeting.

There is a vacancy on the executive council Ian Anderson is declining to continue the position of the second vice president. Mary Lou Whitehorse has declined a position on the nominating committee Clint Shannon has offered to take her place on the committee.

4. Reports from the members of the executive.

4a. President- A letter to Rick Folker, head caretaker, Smiley's Provincial Park was sent to accept the invitation to hold Nova East 2001 there August 17th /18th.

4b. 1st VP- A request for a Halifax RASC symbol in a high res. format was made for fliers and meeting notices.

4c. 2nd-VP- No Report

4d. Secretary- No Report

4e. Treasurer- Our funds are approximately \$2212 in the bank \$680 in undeposited funds and \$2000 in investments. The 1999 /2000 treasurer's report is ready for the auditor.

4f. Editor NN- There are enough articles for the next issue and the files on disk are ready for the new editor Mike Gatto also complete paper copies of all nova notes past and present were inquired about. Librarian Michael Falk offered to check the library and will report on the Nova Notes issues that we have.

4g. Nat'l. Rep.- Dave went to the last national council meeting. The issues were limiting the cost of the annual report to \$7000, the expected deficit, welcoming the new centres Moncton and Charlottetown, the opening of the RASC E-STORE on the web, the book review and resource pages on the Nat'l site. Also the national membership is up to ~4500.

4h. Obs. Chair- The RASCAN is finished and open for use.

4i. Obs. Chair- The Members observing nights have gone well Dave Lane suggested it be a regular thing near the new moon several times a year.

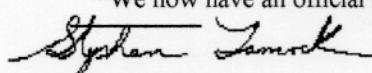
4j. Librarian- We have a few to many late returns due. A request was made to remind borrowers to return books at tonight's meeting.

5. Meeting report volunteer- Larry Bogan

6. Other Business

*The new 2001 council will be the same as the 2000 with exceptions of new N.N. editor (Mike Gatto) and second V.P. (TBA)

*We now have an official computer use account at St. Mary's.



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