

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada - Kingston Centre

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada - Kingston Centre, held Thursday December 5, 2013, 4:30 p.m., Queen's Inn, Kingston, Ontario. This was the Transitional Meeting.

Present: Kim Hay, Kevin Kell, Susan Gagnon, Rose-Marie Burke, Paul Winkler; joined by Brian Hunter at end of meeting.

Regrets: Walter MacDonald, David Maguire

Binders containing various information were provided for new members Rose-Marie and Paul.

1. Science Fair. Kim has received information about the annual Science Fair 2014. A \$75.00 cheque, due December 19th, for a prize in Leo Enright's name, address change will also be sent. Bruce Elliott will be asked to be a judge. Approved.

2. Motion for New Board Member. Motion was made to appoint Paul Winkler to the Board as a Director. Carried. (Motion # 20131205.01)

3. Discussion for Signing Authority and Motion to appoint a second person. Motion made by Kevin that Paul Winkler has second signing authority for RASC Kingston, replacing Susan Gagnon. Carried. (Motion # 20131205.02)

4. Note on Executive Password change. An email was sent out noting the change of password and user ID for the Executive section of the RASC Kingston website.

5. Change of address filed. It is customary for the RASC Kingston mailing to be that of the current President. Kim will notify contacts (RASC, CRA, Ontario government agencies, RBC, etc.) and make changes where necessary (e.g. website). As of November 14, 2013: The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada - Kingston Centre c/o 76 Colebrook Rd., Yarker, Ontario K0K 3N0.

6. Process of responses to outside enquiries. Rose-Marie will answer various "outside enquiries", it was noted that during summer months some help may be needed from other Executive.

7. Discussion of Bylaw Reform. Due to new bylaws from National Council and new implementations of procedure and changes by the Federal Government as well on the Ontario Government for non-profit organizations a review will be needed to make the Kingston Centre bylaws compatible and to conform to new rules. Kevin will take the lead on this; asked that all Executive members look over the bylaws. A

meeting will be held to discuss the changes necessary, a draft of new bylaws will be made, and presented to Membership at a General Meeting for approval.

8. Strategic Meeting - January 2014. A meeting will be held by Executive to discuss some goals and initiatives for the Club, events and projects that club members can participate in and enjoy, e.g. star parties. Could also discuss ways to publicize the Club and its activities to try to recruit new members.

9. Setting up Executive Meetings. The Executive must hold a minimum of 3 meetings per year. These will be scheduled as needed. Noted that Ongwanada allows non-profit groups to use their meeting rooms for free in the evenings, must be scheduled ahead of time.

10. Directors' Insurance. Kim had contacted an insurance company to get a quote for Directors' Insurance. The National RASC has insurance for RASC events and meetings, however, discussion ensued about the need for the local chapters to carry their own Directors' insurance. Motion made that RASC Kingston Centre apply for and purchase Directors' Insurance, estimated cost \$480.00; carried. (Motion # 20131205.03)

11. KAON - Susan to stay on? Susan has agreed to stay on as liaison for the KAON (Kingston Astronomy Outreach Network) public meetings.

12. NAC update. Since RASC Kingston Chapter does not currently have a National Council Representative, Kim attended the internet conference (NAC132 - National Advisory Council Meeting) held Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 17:00 EST, ended around 21:30 EST. Kim reports that the timing was not good for people from Centres in the eastern part of the country, as it ran late, and poor for westerners, as it ran through supertime. There was little input from many of those attending, and was generally not productive.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Any Other Business: Brian Hunter joined the group at 5:40 p.m., Susan Gagnon presented the A.V. Douglas Award of the RASC-Kingston Centre to Brian Hunter. Picture and report to appear in Regulus.