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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada - Kingston Centre, held Saturday, January 4, 2014, Richardson Labs, Kingston, Ontario, 11:00 a.m.

Present: Kim Hay, Kevin Kell, Rose-Marie Burke, Paul Winkler, Walter Macdonald present by way of anymeeting.com videoconference

1. Check for quorum: Yes, at least 4 people present.
2. Agenda: Kim made the motion to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Paul; carried. (Motion # 20140104.01)
3. Meeting Dates. Kim presented the schedule for General Meeting dates, and has some speakers lined up. Kim will update the facebook page, Rose-Marie will find out how to send upcoming meeting information to Kingston This Week. Currently the Ellis Hall room is not available due to construction and renovations in the building, meetings will take place at Mac Cory until this is completed. Updates will appear on the RASC Kingston website. Meetings will take place the second Thursday of the month unless various circumstances make it necessary to change the date and location.

January 9, 2014: Brian Hunter will be talking about the asteroid/Regulus occultation in March, plans will be made to observe this event.

February 13, 2014: Bruce McIntosh will talk about being a planet hunter.

March 13, 2014: John Percy will be the Speaker.

April 10, 2014: Rooms will not be available at Queen's, Kim is working on organizing an observation session, possibly at Lake Ontario Park.

May 8, 2014: Regular meeting.

June 12, 2014: Need speaker. If none scheduled, could show results of the March occultation.

July/August: No meetings.

September 11, 2014: Members' night.

October 9, 2014: Regular meeting.

November 13, 2014: AGM, may have a speaker.

December 11, 2014: Christmas Dinner, will try for Aunt Lucy's.

There were 22 people attending the 2013 Christmas Dinner, from feedback, members enjoyed this location.

Kim will look at the list of RASC speakers for upcoming meetings, if there is a speaker from out of town on the "travel circuit" we will try to coordinate with other nearby Centres to have the Speaker come to Kingston. If there is someone of special interest an extra meeting may be booked.

Kim will contact Queen's about the room rentals, and will talk to Susan about dates already booked.

4. Fall 'N Stars. Belleville Centre will be charge of arranging the 2014 Fall 'N Stars, Kevin will ask Mark Coady if he will be the Kingston representative to help plan this event.

5. Budget 2014. Kevin provided a draft Budget for 2014 and Executive went over items on this report. Kevin also provided a monthly financial report, this will be updated quarterly to keep Executive informed.

Donations: Kevin needs reports from the national office in order to send out charitable receipts.

GICs: There are 4 GIC investments, 3x\$5k and 1x\$5075, roughly separated in time by 3 months each, the latest one of which rolled over in November.

Speakers: Kim will talk with Susan about the amounts committed to Speakers. If we get a special Speaker in coordination with other Centres we can get a grant from the national office to cover hotel and meal expenses for the Speaker.

Torus: we need to get a quote to have the Torus mirror re-coated.

Library collection. The library is currently housed at David McGuire's residence. There is a list of the books online but about 20 books have been added, no new books will be purchased until an inventory is completed.

Motion was made by (Paul Winkler) to accept the Budget as amended, seconded by Rose-Marie; carried. (Motion #20140104.02)

6. Insurance for Board of Directors. As discussed in December, Kim had requested a quote and forms for liability insurance, these have been filled out and ready to submit. The cost is \$450.00. (Insurance company name?) Motion was made by Kim to send in the application for Board of Directors Insurance, seconded by Paul; carried. (Motion #20140104.03)

7. Ideas for 2014. Discussion took place about which events could be planned for member participation. Ideas included a trip to the Dark Sky viewing area, Nutwood Observatory, and various local areas. Executive will keep an eye out for local viewing spots, Rose-Marie will talk to the manager of Glenhaven Cemetary to see if a gathering will be allowed at the back open field.

8. Science Fair. \$75.00 and a book donation were sent to organizers of the 2014 Science Fair to be awarded as prizes. A request will be made to report back on the results of the prize award. Still waiting to hear if a judge will be requested from RASC Kingston, Kim will ask Bruce Elliott.

9. Susan's Citation. Susan Gagnon's name has been submitted to RASC to receive the RASC Service Award, the Awards Committee is looking at it and results will be sent out by end of January.

10. Website and DRUPAL. Kevin and Walter will move the current RASC Kingston website over to DRUPAL, the advantage to this is to make the website more user friendly, for example, members can upload pictures to the site.

11. Sumac Centre. Information was sent about the Sumac Centre north of Sharbot Lake as a possible gathering site. Executive looked at the website information, disadvantages of this site is the distance from Kingston and what doesn't look to be a good viewing area. Decided not suitable at this time.

12. Christmas card idea for 2014: Kevin had a postcard Christmas card from AAVSO and suggested that Kingston Centre could send out something similar for Christmas 2014 to its members. Members will be asked to submit images for the card.

13. KFN Juniors' meeting at Ellis Hall. Rose-Marie reported that the KFN Juniors will be visiting the Ellis Hall Observatory on January 23, 2014, and asked if star finders were available for the kids. Kim will provide a supply, Rose-Marie will discuss this with Anne Robertson.

Meeting adjourned