THE RASC WINNIPEG CENTRE
COUNCIL MEETING July 2 2026, 7:00 PM
AMENDED MINUTES

Present: Mark, Ed, gAIL, Marc, Rhianna, Gord , Wing, Dennis, Daemon, Abdul
Regrets: Judy, James
Absent: Bryan

1. **Call to Order; Welcome and Land Acknowledgement** Mark

2. **Adoption of Agenda and Minutes** Mark

Motion to Adopt Agenda gAIL Marc

Motion to Adopt Minutes gAIL Marc

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3. **Committee Business:**

a. Finance Committee & Statements 2026 To be approved in August

Preliminary report from James, June, July will be approved at August meeting.

b. Observatory Committee Ed

Meeting 2 weeks ago working through sales of equipment. Gord is to be working on selling but has no inventory or photos as yet. Advertising to go into Winni as well as Groips.IO and other online venues
CPC1100 donated by Gilles Reneault, working on getting it moved. Obs Committee declined to make the meeting a regular thing but Ed believes it needs to be regular thing.

Training video is on the to do list, eval of mount for LX200, bathroom fixes for platform in front of the toilet. Fan needs to be fixed.

Table went missing and needs to be replaced. Mark: Table already built and done.

4. Member Meeting schedule, meeting agenda Judy

2026-09-18			Jay Anderson				gAIL Wise	Observing certificates
Friday, August 14, 2026	Launch Co-working - Chevrier Blvd	gAIL Wise -Sagittarius	Scott Young				Gord Tulloch	AI in Amateur Astronomy
Friday, July 10, 2026	Schultz theatre	Scott Young, "Meteors and meteorites"	Jay Anderson				Kevin Black	Observatories and imaging

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5. Business **Arising from the Minutes**

a. New Member welcome letter/ expired member followup — Mark

Been in touch new Exec Dir at National, first new member got letter from Jenna Hines with old information. Gord: Tim Flook got nothing Mark: They may have taken it down. Mark to follow up.

b. Glenlea Anniversary 2026 update – planning — Wing

No Update. Sometime in the Fall.

c. Expense reimbursement policy – draft — Tabled till August

d. Members Observing Night-Sign up Schedule — Mark

Wing on for July 11. Bring bug spray and get the lawn mowed – check with Observing cmte

e. SWSP discussion — Daemon

Not much more to report, everything going well, registration is now up, telescope to raffle off (Dwarf Mini). We may have some bills coming in for signage so we're going to get new ones since the old ones are falling apart. Setting up a meeting later this month for the rest of the cmte. Wing: 8 Adult tickets sold so $299 revenue so far. Mark: Notoriously late signup group.

f. Transferring Zoom meeting recordings to Youtube — Gord

Last video sent up – January missing. Had some pushback about recording so didn't push the button.

6. New Business.

1. Thank you to Kris, for Coordinating efforts in Transferring meetings to Youtube — Council
2. Documentation of Zoom file transfer process — Gord

Gord has prepared checklist, Ed will try it out on the weekend and contact Gord if there's any issues

3. DwarfLab donation — Wing

Couple of months ago contacted the marketing team at Dwarf, the Sr Marketing lead reached out and offered a Dwarf mini w/ tripod and 2 Dwarf III. Booked a Zoom meeting with James and Wing for an hour and arranged for the donation. She didn't want anything in return except photos on what we do with the equipment. Shipped to James. Intended for the Loaner Scope program and doorprize for the SWSP. Also gave us a 5% discount code for their store. Also have gift certificates to hand off to someone. Daemon will take Mini, Dwarfs to Stan for Loaner Pgm.

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4. Schedule for Council meetings — All

Coucil Meeting (Zoom)	Memerbship Meeting
November 5, 2026	November 13, 2026
October 1, 2026	October 9, 2026
September 3, 2026	September 18, 2026
August 6, 2026	August 14, 2026
July 2, 2026	July 10, 2026
August 6, 2026	August 14, 2026
September 3, 2026	September 18, 2026
October 8, 2026	October 9, 2026
November 5, 2026	November 13, 2026
December 3, 2026	December 11, 2026

5. Surplus telescope sales — Ed/Mark/Gord

   Dealt with earlier. Obs Cmte will book another meeting. Gord will be invited as he committed to sell the scopes.

6. Consolidation of mailing lists in Groups.io — All

   Gord: Right now members are not signing up with General so very few members (approx. 30/240) are engaged in that group. Suggest that we merge Main and General. Group discussed and determined that Main would be retained and a copy of the users in that Main group would be added to the General group. Dennis explained the original intent was to have a venue for announcements so people who opted out Mark to work with Marc to provide information in the canned message that is provided to new enrollees to explain what is happening.

Motion to copy everyone to General in Groups.IO motion: Wing Second: Ed

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Round Table discussion – General **All**

Wing – student at Sturgeon Hegihts school requested support for an astronomy club.

8. Call for m**otion to adjourn, (no second required).** **Mark**

Daemon motioned carried

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL – THURSDAY August 6, 2026.

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