

RASC WINNIPEG CENTRE COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the council of RASC Winnipeg Centre held via Zoom on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Marc Sarrasin, Scott Young, Mike Karakas, Dennis Lyons, Ed Wright, Mark Irvine, Abdul al Manni, Michelle Boyce, Bryan Stach,

REGRETS: Judy Anderson, Russell Brown, Kevin Galka



1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement Dennis
2. Welcome and Introductions All
 - Would like the financial policies procedure manual finished.
3. Adoption of Agenda Dennis
4. Adoption of previous minutes Dennis

Mark moved, Marc seconded that the June minutes be approved. ADOPTED
Scott moved, Abdul seconded that the July minutes be approved. ADOPTED

5. Financial Report Abdul
 - Abdul: Not the chance to go to bank this weekend. The balance should be close to \$20K. Scott: Have the delays of money from National been resolved. Abdul: Yes. Includes the donation from Ed. Scott: There were 2021 donations not received in 2021 financials. Abdul: Will double check the exact amount. **ACTION Abdul to double check donations.** Dennis: Please check and email the group.
6. Committee Work Reports
 - a. Bylaws Judy
 - Dennis: Motion went out to the membership. Is on website. **ACTION Ed to resend to the membership once groupsio is up so this catches all the members.**
 - b. Policies and Procedures Manual Dennis
 - Dennis: No change
 - c. Observatory Committee Russell
 - Russell not in attendance. No one out to observatory recently.
 - d. Incorporation Tabled
 - e. Finance Committee Abdul/Mark Irvine
 - Mark: Once the policy agreed to, who approves? Dennis: It is the council. The overriding stuff is in the bylaw.
 - f. Star Parties Russell
 - Dennis: Spruce Woods Committee asked if can put in a table for the ceremony for the Dark Sky preserve. Michelle: Has registration started? Dennis: Not yet, will contact Silvia on the registrations. Ed: Clarification question, table for park or committee. Dennis: The committee. Marc: Russell was to check with Silvia on the registration if ready for the website.
 - g. Awards Centre nominations/SWSP Bryan
 - Bryan: Notes from July 4 meeting. Are we presenting the two awards at the SWSP? Achievement and Service? Dennis: Yes, I need to pick up the plaques. Needs certificate. We need a certificate. Scott: I can do that. Bryan: Will you write a speech? Dennis: Yes, short, would be later at one of the ceremonies. Bryan: What

is back up plan? Dennis: You or Judy. Bryan: I will post it in our server. Mike: Need the recipients to attend. Bryan: Outstanding svc awards. Then need to determine the ones for 2022. Who are the two. Open to suggestions from the council. Outstanding achievement and outstanding service. Also, there are the anniversary awards, 10, 20, 30, 40. How to present the service award, was the point to always have someone on top of this. Could just mention at the GA meeting. Those long-term members should be recognized. Policies and procedures for awards committee, should only win once, should not be on the council, should be members in good standing.

- Bryan: Where do we get the plaques done, Dennis: The plaques are already done, just have to pick them up. Scott: The awards seem to be being minimized. Reduces the prestige of the award, need award for the volunteerism. Need to make it into a big deal. I was involved in starting the awards. We started them along last time we hosted a GA and presented at the AGM. Not sure SWSP is appropriate venue to present Centre awards. Not everyone goes to SWSP. This year okay but in future where we can talk up what each recipient was doing to deserve. Good to make into a big deal. Ed: The other topic was the anniversary recognition to be done at our membership meetings. This was for every membership meeting every month for the 10s years anniversaries. We did do a list out of the membership. This coming meeting there are just people in the 10 year meeting. Bryan: Did talk to Dennis about at GA, yes agree that those two should be greater. Dennis: Okay suggesting do the awards at the Sept meeting, **ACTION Bryan to write up**. Bryan: Should take pics and post in WinniCentrics as well. Michelle: Maybe the annual banquet? Scott: Did have an annual banquet but not a tradition carrying forward. It is at the whim of the current council. Not a tradition that carried forward. First one was due to more money from the GA, was a volunteer windup banquet. Did that for a few years. Dennis: Any interest in coordinating a dinner? Scott: Like the idea but is that what goes to the top of the list of the things working on? Some centres have annual banquet. Sometimes at various members' places. Could start them up as a potluck at someone's house. Might be a good place to start. Maybe a Boston Pizza thing with one meeting a year with centre kicking in money for pizza.. Michelle: Could rent a banquet hall but good to have a couple events throughout the year, but keep the BBQ, these awards might be appropriate at the AGM. Dennis: Let's talk about at next meeting. Michelle: Maybe at next RASC meeting could mention it as an option, the annual potluck or get-together.

- **DECISION: The two awards are to be presented at the Sept meeting.**

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| 7. Directors and Councilors | Tabled |
| 8. Appointed Positions Recruitment | Dennis |

- Dennis: No change on these. Best way to recruit is face to face when mingling with people. For example, recruiting for the ETU submissions. Bryan: Would be good to welcome the new members, interact with some of the newer members. Recruiting is a good thing to do. Michelle: Need name tags. Scott: I can grab those when I get the certificates.

- a. Spring Star Party
- b. Explore the Universe
- c. Webmaster
- d. Volunteer Coordinator
- e. Mentor Coordinator

- f. Meeting Coordinator
 - g. Light Abatement Committee
 - h. Youth Outreach
9. Web Infrastructure and io email list update Russell/Marc
- Dennis: Got everyone on the RASC secure web site, Phil did it for us. To Marc update on the rollout of IO? Marc: Russell tried to import users. Gave him an error msg. He is trying 20 at a time. Russell was to compare format. I was on vacation for 3 weeks. Not too sure how many have worked so far. Michelle: Assume once everything switched over and the forums will be stopped. Dennis: Idea is run in parallel until end of the year. Ed: For the old list through U of M, we have a lead to shut that down once groupsio is working properly. Groupsio limitation at 20 is on purpose, it for their management to check is okay, for anti-spam. The Comms Officer needs to notify the membership of what is transpiring.
 - Dennis: Name tags, Scott offered to do at cost from MB Museum, **ACTION Scott to find out the cost, maybe \$4, but will find out the price for name tags through museum.** Dennis: Do we want positions on the nametags? Scott: Could have people names written on and then the president tag. Klunky way to go. But will find out the cost.
10. Business Arising
- a. Membership Meeting location Judy
 - Dennis: Judy mentioned Gail doing beginner session on a constellation and Jay on eclipses. Michelle: Danielle on this month. Bryan for the What's Up. Dennis: I won't be able to attend, Judy to chair it, Dennis out to the coast. For this meeting is first in person / online. Scott: Will get there and troubleshoot crises until, will take feed from meeting and stream to Zoom or Facebook or YouTube. To be decided. Online can type question into chat and I will bring forward to the meeting. Audio issues we are asking for trouble. Does require person in the room to have that role similar to what Abdul was doing before for YouTube streaming, except also monitoring the chat. It will be at the regular St John's theatre. Can stream to YouTube or Facebook. Facebook works better but YouTube does not require an acct, YouTube allows anyone to comment, so need someone to moderate. Abdul: In the past I uploaded to public area of YouTube then everyone outside can see it. Don't have that many users outside. Scott: About ½ of Facebook is members because this is a public group, can be a recruiting tool. Scott: Ok will stream to Facebook and YouTube, and ignore Zoom ... **ACTION Ed to comm that to the membership that people participate.** Scott: Our YouTube page then while live event in progress, just click on the Live link. Ed: How to people get to the YouTube streaming? Scott: They go to our YouTube page, then during a live event there will be a Live button. Then click on the link. People can sign up for notifications. Abdul: about 100 users signed up.
 - b. Joint meeting for CSA Ed
 - Ed: Martin Bergeron presenting on the JWST. Joint event with Mississauga. Presentation starts at 7:30 CDT. We stay on MB Museum Zoom for beginner session and CSA presentation. This gives us the capacity for the CSA event. 7:30 to 8:30 CDT. Then the MB members to switch to the Winnipeg Zoom account for the bylaws vote. The one decision in hybrid vs pure online for the Sep meeting. Dennis: Wait and see how Aug goes. Scott: Way easier having the presenter online than the audience online. No logistics issues. Just a mic in the room for the MC for people to ask questions. MC runs around room with a mic like Jerry Springer. Should handle a hybrid meeting.

- Scott: Link to the https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86904424306?pwd=7PPuY15P_Bd9z8TH1VfuAo8BbKjfcV.1 (Canadian Space Agency)
- c. Financial Policy Mark
- (Mark dropped off) Mark: Shared his screen, petty cash, controls around petty cash, disbursements limited to \$100, replaces pre-signed cheques, not paid to cash or the bearer, (Mark cut out) Dennis: Suggest we arrive at the Friday meeting 30 minutes early to do this. Scott: Think the document is now pretty robust.
- d. Meeting format/streaming Scott/Marc
- e. Speaker Gifts, purchase more meteorites Dennis
- Dennis: Not to this yet,
- f. Access to membership lists Dennis
- Dennis: Dealt with.
- g. Name an Asteroid Scott
- Scott: Emailed list of suggestion to Peter Jedicke. He did suggest on the \$1M person, he said that they tend to avoid donations, but submitting anyway, Jennifer and Jerry are good submissions, one day Jennifer will get a call from Peter to look at the IAU Circular. Hopefully they will let us know. Both of those names are going.
- h. Promotional handouts Dennis
- Dennis: Nothing new on that.

11. Round table

- Mike: NCC (Nature Conservancy Canada), anything more on that? Dennis: Swamped at work, my days start early, but planning to reconnect with them. Reconnecting with LPA (Light Pollution Abatement) committee. New pics to happen. Still planning to do that. Mike: The C11 is still in my garage, Sep or Oct. Dennis: Yes, event in Oct.
- Mike: Last minutes regarding the structural stability at observatory, he could reach out to Engineers he knows to do it, but they are very busy now. He will contact Russell on this. Ed: Reminder on the financial disaster relief app to the GoM, Aug 8. Jay said the last time they got more funding from the provincial gov't than expected. Need to get the application done through Russell. Dennis: We should be able to get the paperwork in and the dollar figure, could spend \$10K, would not be hard to spend that much. Dennis: Often they know you don't have the info and say could be more or less. Just get your name in. Sometimes they take 2 or 3 years to settle. Ed: I will send a reminder to Russell. Michelle: CC her on the form for the disaster relief. She can help Russell with that. **Scott: App deadline is Sep 23 on the link you sent.** Info session Tues Sep 9.
- Marc: On groupsio, notes from Russell, he is 1/2 way through the membership list importing into groupsio. Will get back to him on when everybody will be done.
- Bryan: Should we contribute to the pizza for this Friday? Could the council put some in? Scott: Once we incorporate that would be frowned upon as a charity. Could do for special events. Dennis: Yes, small number of the membership gets there.

12. Next Meeting Monday Sept 5, 7 PM?

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13. Adjourn

8:10 PM

	Name	Signature	Date
Secretary	Ed Wright		

