RASC Winnipeg Centre

COUNCIL MEETING 13 Feb 2025

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Dennis Lyons (Chair), Scott Young, Judy Anderson, gAIL Wise, Daemon NIghtshade, Marc Sarrasin, Ed Wright, Mark Irvine, Wing Kwong

Regrets: Stan Runge
Absent: Brian Stach

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement - Dennis 7:04pm
2. Welcome and Introductions - All
3. Adoption of Agenda - Dennis (by consensus)
4. Adoption of previous minutes -

   MOTION 202502-01 - Moved by Scott Y.. & seconded by Judy A. that the meeting minutes of 9 Jan 2025 be approved as presented.

   Motion 202502-01 was CARRIED.

5. Financial Report - The financial report was circulated in advance (see attachments in this folder).

   MOTION 202502-02- Moved by Mark I.. & seconded by Daemon N. that the financial report be approved as presented.

   Motion 202502-02 was CARRIED.

6. Committee Work Reports

   a. Observatory Committee - Mark - no report.
   Scott: have electrical issues been resolved? Mark: not worried, seems to be ok. Judy: Power was working about 10 days ago, Jay was there. Committee won't meet until March at earliest.

   b. Member Meetings - Judy - Feb meeting: Scott - beginner, Bryan, Jay is What's New (Michelle and Danielle are off), featured talk: Smart Scopes. March is looked after except for What's New. Calendar is open after that.

   Ed: Google drive sharing is not working. Scott: some issues with the sharing system.

   c. Explore the Universe - Stan - no report

d. Fundraising - Wing - verbal report, will have a draft of Terms of Reference for next meeting. Raised $150 at “fundraising” event at holiday event for Telescopes for Kids.

e. Nominating Committee - Dennis/Scott/Stan - The following nominations have been compiled: Pres: Mark I, VP Judy A., Treasurer: James Fast , Councilor: Rhianna Cohen, 2 vacant councilors.

f. SWSP - Daemon - ToR draft emailed in advance. Discussed, daemon will make some revisions and send via email.

7. Business Arising

a. Reporting of e-motions - Dennis

The following e-motions were approvefd by Council via email since the last Council Meeting:

- Approval of MoU with U of M re: Glenlea
- Bylaw change for converting the ObsComm to Standing Committee

b. Telescopes for Kids - Wing - nothing to report, need to publicize the program to get entries. Will promote through Library System. Judy: can’t be an out-of-town winner. Scott: Too many entries can make this a program we can’t even handle. Wing will amend the rules for next meeting, too vague. Will go to 3 telescopes, there is $1900 in bank.

c. Volunteer recruitment and retention - All - Judy - science rendezvous in May needs to be organized, will Stan do it?

Also an outreach request for On the Move daycare in August. Mark got that email, would like someone else to run it. Mark will suggest dates to her to get conversation rolling. Ed: Is that “On the Move Inc.”? Mark: Yes.

Wing volunteered to drop Telescopes for Kids to become outreach coordinator. No discussion.

d. NCC - Dennis - may become a dark sky preserve this year, very positive response

e. Glenlea, damage repair tabled - skipped

f. Glenlea electrical issue - skipped

g. Strategic Plan/Bylaws Dennis - skipped

h. Workshops - Stan - no report

i. Website two people access - Marc - done, Scott is now on for second person

j. Holiday potluck - Wing - this year’s event had fewer people, less food; Judy: food was good, friendly people. Was a good night.

k. U of M meeting for MOU - Judy - may be signed before AGM

l. Banners - Judy - Wing was going to talk to someone about design? Wing: Was no response, will try again. Judy will go ahead and get banners done.

m. Annual report to National - Scott - due March 7. Everyone should send submissions to Scott - eclipse event, meetings/outreach events, stories.

n. Glenlea 50th Anniversary 2026 - All - discussion: Judy: we could make the picnic quite an event, invite the U of M folks to join us, have an observing night? Make sure the GAO is functional.

o. Meeting Format – speakers and new ideas - All - Dennis: call for 5-minute show and tell to encourage new members to present.

p. Glenlea Safety Protocols - Winter rule: Given the cold forecasts for the next while, two vehicles are required to go to Glenlea.

q. St Hubertus gun club Mark - MoU was signed and sent back, haven't heard back, will follow up.

r. U of M activities discussion Wing - homecoming week, joint star party with U of M Dept Physics and Astronomy? Week of Sept 17-20, 2025.

s. Science Rendezvous May 10 - All - covered above

8. Round table All -
Wing: who at Physics and Astronomy is the person to ask about Homecoming events? Judy: Danielle, or maybe a grad student. Wing will contact.
Judy: Lockhart lecture - early Sept at U of M.
Ed: Science Rendezvous - Ed volunteered through U of M, may not be able to volunteer with RASC booth.
Daemon: will send out Terms of Reference for SWSP this week, reaching out to SWSP committee as well.
Marc S. As of this month we haver 265 members.
Wing: Stellarium workshop #1 held yesterday, James Fast and 8 registrants
Mark I: will confirm our participation with Science Rendezvous
gAIL: nothing new
Dennis: NC meeting report, Society is performing better than budget but still $19K deficit; there is a train the trainer event on Green laser pointers Feb 22; Citizen Science committee is becoming active.
Scott: newsletter submission request

Dennis: main RASC site is changing to Wordpress, any secure info will be on the secure/store website

Meeting adjourned by President 8:32pm.

9. Next Meeting, 6 March 2025, 7 PM