RASC Winnipeg Centre

COUNCIL MEETING 6 Mar 2025

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Dennis Lyons (Chair), Scott Young, Judy Anderson, Mark Irvine,gAIL Wise, Daemon NIghtshade, Ed Wright, Marc Sarrasin, Wing Kwong.
Regrets: Stan Runge
Absent: Brian Stach

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement - Dennis 7:02pm
2. Welcome and Introductions - All
3. Adoption of Agenda - add mentor program to agenda - Dennis (by consensus)
4. Adoption of previous minutes - deferred to next meeting

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

MOTION 202503-02- Moved by Mark I. & seconded by Scott Y.~~.~~ that the financial report be approved as presented.

Motion 202503-02 was CARRIED.

6. Committee Work Reports

a. Observatory Committee - Mark - first meeting next week on March 12th.

b. Member Meetings - Judy - March is AGM - Kim Hay is doing Beginner's Session on solar citizen science, Br~~y~~ian is doing what's up, no what's new, main talk is Dr. Vesna Milosevic-Zdjelar (talk from Winnie)

c. Explore the Universe - Stan - no report

d. Fundraising - Wing - ToR sent just before meeting, will be discussed and handled by email. New section re: money handling.

e. Nominating Committee - Dennis/Scott/Stan - Nominations: Pres: Mark I., VP: Judy A, treasurer: James Fast, Director: Rhianna Cohen, Br~~y~~ian Stach, Councilor: Daemon Nightshade, Stan Runge. All open positions have a single nominee at this time. Elections (if required) will use Zoom poll, Scott will confirm membership of Zoom members. ACTION: M~~a~~Arc S. will bring a printout of~~ed~~ membership list to AGM for Scott.

f. SWSP - Daemon - Moved: Daemon 2nd Mark I to accept Terms of reference. Motion is carried.

MOTION 202503-03 Moved by Daemon N. & seconded by Mark I. to accept the SWSP Committee's Terms of Reference as presented.

Motion 202503-03 was CARRIED.

7. Business Arising

[a.] AGM - Dennis - the AGM's Agenda was discussed. Agenda - Welcome, President's report, Treasurer's report, Bylaw approval, then elections (~~/~~acclamation or voting by poll if required), Business from the Floor, Closing remarks.

a.[b.] Reporting of electronic motions (by email since last meeting) - Dennis - no report

b.[c.] Telescopes for Kids - Wing - draft terms for discussion. Various concerns about providing telescopes to someone who just fills in a ballot, versus the challenge of identifying "keen" kids and distributing multiple telescopes. Suggestions to possibly use donated scopes or old loaner scopes for this. Wing to look at splitting out Telescopes for Kids (who can't afford a telescope) vs. promotional giveaways for the Centre and events. Judy: Could hold a public "telescope workshop" to help fix up telescopes. To be looked at in future as a major event.

[d.] Volunteer recruitment and retention - All - mentor program: started before COVID~~covid~~ to pair up new members with experienced members in various areas; should be rejuv~~e~~inated. Judy: the old program worked well, lots of people got their start~~s~~\ there. Ed: Strat Plan suggested having a volunteer coordinator to do this, and also provide recognition. Dennis will begin recruiting at the next meeting, relayed positive feedback with a recent new member (Adam Gear) who spoke to Judy/Jay, Scott,

c.[e.] NCC - Dennis - no report

d.[f.] Glenlea, damage repair - no report

e.[g.] Glenlea electrical issue - still intermittent, occurred at last MON, should be looked at. Mark: Committee will discuss at March 12 meeting.

f.[h.] Workshops - Stan - no report

g.[i.] U of M meeting for MOU - Judy - Signed agreement with University of Manitoba regarding Glenlea is in place. Judy: we should send a card to the U of M people involved as a thank you for handling so expeditiously. Judy will create and send to Dennis for

printing and signing. Agreement includes $300 a year charge for hydro, which may increase once we know the actual costs.

[j.] Banners - Judy - still waiting on Wing for Designer. Wing reports the designer backed out, and asked for more time to check with someone at work. If that doesn't work out, ~~so~~ Judy will put it together.

h.[k.] Annual report to National - Scott - it's due tomorrow and is complete.

i.[l.] Glenlea Anniversary 2026 - All - some good ideas for discussion, maybe strike a committee after the new council is in place. Judy will draft some ToRs for a Glenlea Anniversary Committee.

j.[m.] Meeting Format – speakers and new ideas - All -

Suggestions were made for the improvement of the membership meetings.
Scott: "What's New" needs to be accurate, highlight the key events, encourage observing
Wing: Suggests Buyer's Guide for telescopes as a meeting topic - Judy will put in for October
Judy: Smart ~~-~~scope event last month was great and~~,~~ involved a lot of new and also old members who haven't been involved for a while. What else can we do that way? Basic astrophotography, bring your DSLR walk-through, planet images (June)?

k.[n.] St Hubertus gun club - Mark - no update, need to follow up with the gun club now that spring is almost here.

[o.] U of M activities discussion - Wing - messaging with Danielle regarding outreach event; she ~~,~~ want~~sing~~ to ensure~~keep~~ planetarium student volunteers are well paid, and is looking at fundraising - could use~~using~~ a crowdfunding platform that U of M has. RASC~~,~~ ~~we~~ could contribute to that fund if it's set up and we may be able~~could~~ to get naming rights; also discussed faculty-driven activities for Homecoming in September 2025, star party led by Physics and Astronomy but supported by RASC.

l.[p.] Science Rendezvous May 10 - Stan is coordinating - no report

8. Round table All -
Judy: working on meetings, inviting speakers
gAIL: membership renewal went well, can access Google drive
Wing: Astronomy Day/Planetarium Centennial May 7 - Scott will contact Danielle to coordinate
Scott: nothing new
Mark I. - nothing
Ed: still no access into Google drive folder - Scott will deal with (resolved)

Marc S: paid members only for voting? Dennis: Yes
Daemon: SWSP Committee will continue
Dennis: last Ccouncil meeting as President, thanked Ccouncil members.

Motion of thanks to Dennis (moved by- Scott, seconded gAil), passed unanimously

MOTION 202503-04 Moved by Scott Y. & seconded by gAIL W. to thank outgoing president Dennis Lyons for his two terms on Council.

Motion 202503-03 was CARRIED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by President 8:45pm.

9. Next Meeting - TBD by incoming Council