RASC Winnipeg Council Meeting - 3 Oct 2024 - MInutes

1. **Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement** Dennis

2. **Welcome and Introductions** All

3. **Adoption of Agenda** Dennis

4. **Adoption of previous minutes**

5. **Financial Report** Mark

Budget is in draft form, Mark described some individual items. Reminder that we have a club VISA that can be used instead of personal finances.

MOTION 202410-01: MOVED Mark I. and Seconded by Daemon N. to accept the financial report as submitted.

The Motion was Carried.

6. Committee Work Reports

(Secretary's note: These are not all Committee Work Reports, we should adjust our Agenda somewhat to prioritize items that need action.)

a. **Policies and Procedures Manual**

There was no report.

b. **Observatory Committee Discussion**

Scott Y. has submitted Terms or Reference on behalf of the Chair for discussion. Dennis stated that the budget request will be looked at later in this meeting and committee Terms of Reference will be handled under committees below.

c. **Member Meeting Oct 18**

Judy A. reported that the meeting was delayed a week due to Bomber Game, Obs session delayed to better moon phase. Speaker is James Edgar, Editor of the RASC Observer's Handbook and Calendar.

d. **Finance Committee**

Stan Runge will act as auditor.

e. **Explore the Universe**

There was no report.

f. **Fundraising Committee**

Wing K. reported that the Southwood Circle Astronomy Night planning is going well; Telescopes Kids will run as usual this fall and then expand in the spring to work through schools.

g. **Nominating Committee** Dennis/Scott

President, Vice-President, councilor, treasurer will be open, Scott has spoken to two people, and encourages people currently on Council to consider stepping up to an Executive position.

7. Business Arising

a. **Storage for equipment**

Daemon reported that the lowest rate for a rental unit is $102/month, climate controlled. We will need to budget for this if we decide to proceed.

b. **Budget discussion**

The rest of the budget will be dealt with next meeting.

> **Motion 202410-02:** Moved by Scott Y. and Seconded by Michelle B. that the Centre approve up to a maximum of $500 in expenditures to provide some visual eyepieces for the Meade LX200 at Glenlea, based on the list Scott circulated last year.

c. **Telescopes for Kids**

This item was reported on in the Fundraising Committee report.

d. **Discussion topic: Volunteer recruitment and retention**

We need to encourage people people to participate in MON, but also as speakers, in newsletter, etc.

gAIL: announce at meetings and put in email for volunteer positions.

Mark: Maybe have 2 people per MON to make it easier?

Wing: add incentive or prize?

Michelle: volunteer email or ask at meetings?

Daemon, Ed will come on 26th to “shadow” Scott at Member’s Observing Night.

Ed: public recognition of volunteers at meetings?

Wing: Ditto on recognition, maybe have volunteer of the year award?

e. **NCC/Movie on dark skies**

Dennis reported that there is support for project but nothing new, Dennis needs to follow up.

f. **Workshops**

Stan reported that there may be a new workshop coming in the late fall.

g. **U of M meetings**

Wing/Judy/Dennis - still in scheduling phase. Seems to be more emphasis on meeting with U of M properties for long-range than with Faculty of Science to formalize Glenlea agreement.

h. **Southwood Circle Public Outreach 12 Oct**

Reported on above.

i. Website needs a second access person

Marc S. reminded us that no one else has access to our website, and we need a second person- No decision made.

j. **Calendar sales**

Stan reported that the order was increased by 10, and all are pre-sold.

k. Glenlea flood repair and grant

Judy reported that Jay would work on this after returning from the eclipse.

l. **Discussion: Ad hoc and Standing Committees - size, terms of reference**

Dennis: Terms of Reference should come from Council, should be small (5) so that it can function. We only have one (sic) committee right now but should make terms that work for all of them.

Michelle: Observatory Committee has submitted terms of reference, spent a lot of time to try to find agreement.

Mark: asked about interface between Obs Director and Obs Committee, how should it work/do we need both?

Scott: We have fundraising committee, as well as observatory committee. Maybe we need an appointed position to do work instead of a committee to meet and do strategic planning.

MOTION 202410-03: Moved by Michelle B. and Seconded by Mark I. that all ad hoc committees have a membership of five and expire at the next AGM.

Motion 202410-03 was CARRIED.

Further Discussion:

Michelle: Who do I cut?

Mark I.: Ask for volunteers to step down.

Dennis: Blame Council.

Due to time limitations, the items on Strategic Planning, Bylaw Revisions, the Observatory Committee, the Telescope Loaner Program were deferred. Dennis - deferred

It was noted that Dennis needs to sign the St Hubertus MoU so it can go to their board for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:08 p.m.