

RASC Kingston Centre Executive Meeting Minutes - November 2000

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I am afraid that I only have this as November 2000 in my file. I'll let you know the date if it does not look familiar.

Call to Order 19:10

Attendance: Kevin, David M., Tom, Doug, Susan, Laura.

Agenda

1. Constitution
2. Liability Insurance
3. \$200 4½" Equatorial Mount
4. slide projector
5. Wilson's' membership
6. Elections
7. General meeting - annual reports
8. The phone thing
9. ATM
10. Education
11. Donation Tasco and mutual fund
12. Observatory
13. DSNOS
14. CD
15. StarryNight
16. Charity Status
17. CCD With Jan W
18. Membership
19. Correspondence Pending
 - Constitution
 - Kevin had made up some amendments to the Bylaw and the only changes to these that were proposed were to remove specific references to dates in deadlines and just word to harmonize with National whatever that may be. Sample Bylaws are still not available from the Constitution committee.

- Liability Insurance Dave Maguire was concerned with what the exec may be liable for and it was the general feeling that we are covered by the National policy Equatorial Mount and 4½ inch Moved by Laura and 2nd ed by Kevin that subject to availability of funds that \$230 be spent to add this to the loan program. Slide Projector Moved by David and 2nd ed by Laura that Mark be asked to get the projector Subject to the availability of funds.
- Wilson Memberships Graeme and Ian have made it to the National List (the Centre had to pay as the situation was never resolved) and Susan will send letters of apology instructing them of the new expiry dates. Mailed November 7.
- Elections
 - Executive in attendance wishing to remain in their current posts
 - Kevin: newsletter
 - Susan: secretary
 - Dave: library
 - Executive in attendance seeking new posts
 - Tom: council rep
 - Laura: President.
 - Other Positions Vacant or of unknown status: VP, Treasurer, Astronomy Day, Observing Chair, Education Chair, National Alternate, ATM Chair.
- AGM Reports Due: Treasurer and Secretary, Mandatory.
- Phone Thing \$10 per month do we continue? Yes
- ATM
 - Kendra has a list of components on the web site build on and call her Doug has started figuring the mirror by hand using the big tool and a 7"tool 10% done. Figuring leads to small scratches - shall we settle for less figuring and avoid more scratches -for now it will remain an in-house project and figuring shall continue at Doug's house. There may be a request for help at some point.
- Education
 - STAO was good, stuff was sold. Moved by Kevin and 2nd ed by Dave that Doug and Laura each get \$100 travel Wrt to travel expenses Susan will look into tax receipts for gifts in kind when people are not reimbursed for travel, Council or other. Donations. Bunny York Susan Requested an address to send a letter of thanks for the Tasco and RR1 Odessa was suggested, Terry Dickenson sent her to us.
- Mr. Patterson's letter of thanks has been sent and a discussion of tracking funds for different projects and committees followed. The fund that Mr. Patterson donated will be sold and moved to a GIC.
- Observatory

- Doug told about the Bell Tower hill site and Ken and Steve's experience with the new security people and for now this site cannot be used at all. Ken is attempting to contact someone who can reverse this position. Ken has been asked to pursue it as a non observatory site and a no cost arrangement for now. Is the Centre ready to shop for a site? Is the Centre ready to strike a committee? It will be suggested at the AGM that people interested in exploring the associated costs, possible locations etc. get together, whether we are ready for a committee yet was not clear.
- DSNOS
 - Let's do it again. Who owns the tent - the Centre and a Tax receipt will be issued for materials. Where is the tent - at Dave Pianosi's More material is available and perhaps we could get more for additional shelter. May get an estimate on a more professional sewing job. Need a Kingston Co-ordinator for the Kingston/Belleville team Discussion: annual event yes?expand it?open to public ?liability ?location.
- CD from Orla Aaquist was given to Dave for the Library. We received "evaluation copies" of StarryNight Beginner, Backyard and Pro from Tangent Scientific (distributor for SPACE.COM). We raffled the Backyard at STAO, so still have the Beginner and Pro. My recollection was to keep Pro for center use, use Beginner for fundraising sometime.
- Charity Status - On the move again.
- Jan Wisneiwski \$ support as CCD group
 - Do we want to build a CCD for center use? Discussion was a resounding "maybe". I asked Jan to write a proposal, and we will consider at a future meeting.
- Membership
 - Membership is down, are we frightened? Do we need a membership coordinator?
- Correspondence
 - Susan will send New Years Cards to Martin Duncan and Mike Earl.

Adjoined 22:00hrs