

RASC Kingston Centre

Executive Meeting Minutes - November 30, 2002

Sharbot Lake, November 30, 2002

Attendance:

Laura Gagne, John Hurley, Paul Winkler, Kevin Kell, Doug Angle, Hank Bartlett, Kim Hay, Peggy Hurley, David Maguire, Susan Gagnon.

- Tower Hill:
 - we cannot afford the insurance, and we are forced to back away at this point. Laura will tell Ken to thank Bell and let them know that if "there arise significant changes in circumstances (ie, Bell chooses to get rid of the land) to please" let us know.
- Telescope drive:
 - Tom does not want to take it to Queen's until the hardware was complete. St. Lawrence has not delivered a finished product but we are in possession of the box of parts and they have been paid off. \$30 will add the items needed to get it ready for Queen's. In total there has been over \$800 spent on the materials for St. Lawrence College, but we do own the rights. (check with Doug,) but we should have this on record, so we know what we have paid for the drive so far) People are weary and a deadline for this project is not a good idea.
- Venor Talk at RMC:
 - contact made Dr. Wade, Assistant Prof. of Physics. They have had some very well attended cadet observing nights(300) and Doug encouraged them to call us for volunteers with scopes. Dr. Wade may join RASC.
- Charity Status: Paul hopes to wrap this up within 2 to 3 months.
- What to advertise and a wish list for potential donors? Land, buildings, equipment. A list was circulated.
- Easels for displays:
 - the model obtained seemed to be a bit complex for the average non woodworker to reproduce. A simpler design will be researched.
- National Accounting Procedures:
 - What is our point? We need to raise awareness before a fee increase is considered as a knee jerk reaction to accounting practice shortcomings. A letter will be sent to National ... *We respectfully request that RASC alter its accounting practices to satisfy the continued requests of the Society's Auditors",

specifically: to begin following GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) beginning the next fiscal year".

- STAO as an Investment:
 - Laura will approach Randy Attwood with a plan to help out at the National booth as well. This will give us a chance to introduce all Centre products to the National booth. We are not sure that the National book Skyways will be on the market by this time next year.
 - **Motion 2002-07** Susan: To send a STAO rep. to do one presentation and assist at the National booth with the purpose of Centre material exposure. Reimbursement up to \$150.
 - Seconded: Paul.
 - *Carried.*
- Banquet:
 - Centre will continue to cover cost overrun up to \$100. It was recorded that the Banquet was a good event, and appreciated.
- Douglas Award:
 - Peggy is working on the second installment of the Award as space is getting scarce on the original plaque. There is also work being done on Messier and a Finest NGC awards.
- Christmas Card List:
 - Susan wants to know if we wish to have a standing Greeting Card list at year end. Proposed as an idea to remind various people that we exist and a business card will be included.
 - The Venors, David Levy, The current mayor, Head of Astronomy this year David Hanes, Martin Duncan, Judith Irwin special thanks for the lecture hall.
- President Elect:
 - Hank had a hand-out with his vision of some changes in meeting format and how many invited speakers, as well as many other relevant subjects.
- Education Committee:
 - there will be a run of 10 plus ETU (Expanding Their Universe) books when a few high school orders come in.

The end.