

RASC Kingston Centre

Executive Meeting Minutes - May 2, 2004

Present:

- Peggy Hurley,
 - John Hurley,
 - Diane Torney,
 - Don Cook,
 - Doug Angle
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- Item One: Astronomy Day and other events:
 - Kevin Kell sent email.
 - Good turnout outside at the scopes.
 - Inside at tables Peggy, Diane, Doug, Leo Enright, Susan, John, 2 Queens student astronomers.
 - Kevin counted 255 people at the scopes. Hank, Kim, Kevin, Norm, Ken
 - Don's own report --
 - 150 people stopped to talk to us.
 - The displays are very outdated and need to be changed.
 - More centre involvement needed with displays.
 - Need to reassess the reason we are having this event
 - do we need display tables?
 - Do we need more telescopes?
 - Should we be selling anything?
 - Do we need smaller or larger setting?
 - Only the core group of members helped out.
 - Discussion- Need to coordinate scopes- 5 scopes all pointed at Venus is not optimal use of equipment. Perhaps set up at two malls outside?

The turnout for the public observing was pitiful. We had more scopes out than observers. Leo, Don, Kevin & Norm ran scopes, and Queens had observatory open.

 - Signage- we need a sandwich sign to mark our locations.
 - Get more members involved-encourage them to volunteer for shorter shifts, so the regulars do not have to spend the entire day there.
 - Ask for suggestions from members
 - Don will coordinate
 - Skies the Limit
 - nothing happening yet ditto for Falln Stars

- Last years committee was Don, Hank, Kevin & Kim
 - Belleville is doing a program with the Boy Scouts as part of the agreement for Falln Stars. They have not to our knowledge asked for help. Don assigned to contact Belleville to be sure We have noticed that the Queens representatives fail to mention RASC's involvement in the Trillium program. Peggy will contact Otto to discuss this problem. The students do not seem to be aware that Otto's salary is paid by the grant.
- Item Two: Newsletter: Sarah Carpenter
- Item Three: Benefactor:
- Judge Henderson is willing to help us out with something that will net him a tax receipt. No details have been released to the current Exec. Ken was the contact with the Judge. Don remembers being told to go out and look for a hunk of farm land. We need to take action on this immediately. Keep Ken involved. We need to know how much support he is willing to give. We feel this should be a proper Exec. Contacting the Judge. Peggy & John assigned.
- Item Four: Incorporation: Board min requirements-5
 - Lawyer Peter Graham is to check the Letters of Incorporation.
 - **Motion:** John | **Second:** Diane
 - That the Centre continues to pursue incorporation using the existing bylaws to expedite the process.
 - *Carried*
- Item Five: Telescope Parts:
 - solar filter and Trillium Grant money
 - Since we will be using the Trillium for Public observing priority is the Dew Zappers.
 - eyepiece filters, solar filter.
- Item Six: Treasurer's Comments
 - GIC up for renewal next month. What to do with it? Lock it up for one year if higher interest rate than cashable GIC
- Item Seven: Other Business:
 - Speakers...NEED SOME! We have booked May & June. If David is coming, we could ask him to just have a chat for 30 min or so.
 - The Science Fair winners have been identified and Peggy has invited them to the June meeting.
 - A lead on Radio Astronomy from RMC.

- Peter Jedicke as new President of RASC. Peggy will ask him at the GA
- Dr Robert Stesky creator of 3D Mars software
- Marketing/ Fundraising Items from National. To ask Nat. to make up RASCKC as well, or make our own arrangements. Ask membership what they would buy.
Venor is starting to show some wear. Needs varnishing, which Doug is unable to do due to allergies. Don has a large workshop can do it there. Centre needs to buy a quart of GOOD varnish. June meeting.
- Item Eight: Next meeting:
- Item Nine: Adjournment:
 - **Motion:** Diane motions we adjourn