

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada - Halifax Centre
Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Saturday, December 4, 2021 – 1:00-1:40 PM
Via Zoom - Meeting ID 961 6655 9250

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Judy Black welcomed the 28 members to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Mi'kma'ki land acknowledgments and the inclusivity and diversity statements were read. She noted that reports were pre-circulated to members and would not be read during this meeting. The exceptions are the Treasurer and Auditor reports.

1. Approval of 2021 Agenda

211204AGM-Mot01:

It was moved by Mary Lou MacDonald and seconded by Blair MacDonald to approve the 2021 AGM agenda as circulated.
CARRIED.

2. Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the December 5, 2020 AGM had been pre-circulated to members.

211204AGM-Mot02:

It was moved by Chris Young and seconded by Bob Russell to approve the minutes of the 2020 AGM as circulated.
CARRIED with 2 abstentions.

3. Appointment of a New Auditor

At this point in time, there is no nominee for this position. Dave Lane agreed to have his name forwarded for appointment.

211204AGM-Mot03:

It was moved by Gregg Dill and seconded by Chris Young to appoint David Lane as Auditor for 2021-2022.
CARRIED.

Board Reports

(Note: Reports in their entirety will included in the Jan/Feb 2021 edition of Nova Notes)

Judy Black noted the reports from the Board and the appointed positions had been circulated as part of the AGM agenda circulated on December 1, 2020. Gregg Dill will address both the Treasurer and Auditor reports following approval of other reports.

201205AGM-Mot04:

It was moved by Chris Young and seconded by Mary Lou Whitehorne to accept the pre-circulated elected and appointed position reports as pre-circulated.
CARRIED.

Auditor and Treasurer Reports

Gregg Dill noted that due to lack of information from the RASC to allow for correct allocation of revenue and expenses, there is no auditor's report at this time. The report was thoroughly discussed with the Auditor Ian Anderson. Judy Black stated that getting numbers from the RASC has been a challenge over the past year. Gregg provided the income statement.

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Comparative Income Statement			
Years Ending September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2021			
	Years Ended September 30		Amount of Increase or (Decrease)
	2021	2020	during 2021
Revenue			
Membership Fees	\$1,904.30	\$3,026.78	(\$1,122.48)
Donations	\$131.83	\$175.00	(\$43.17)
Educational Activities	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Interest	\$237.36	\$315.22	(\$77.86)
Unspecified from RASC National	\$1,196.40		\$1,196.40
Sales of Merchandise	\$550.00	\$1,610.00	(\$1,060.00)
Nova East (Net)	\$0.00	(\$100.07)	\$100.07
Nova Notes Print Subs	\$157.00	\$157.00	\$0.00
SCO Special fundraiser	\$9,090.00		
Miscellaneous		\$3.00	(\$3.00)
Total Revenue	\$13,266.89	\$5,686.93	(\$1,510.04)
Expenses			
Meetings	\$230.00	\$282.14	(\$52.14)
Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Depreciation and write offs	\$363.99	\$479.18	(\$115.19)
Equipment and Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Purchase of merchandise	\$0.00	\$1,130.70	(\$1,130.70)
Office Administration	\$228.85	\$392.29	(\$163.44)
Educational Activities	\$329.13	\$832.20	(\$503.07)
Insurance	\$1,687.00	\$1,462.00	\$225.00
Awards and Donations	\$50.00	\$120.00	(\$70.00)
National Office Processing	\$96.69	\$100.76	(\$4.07)
Operating Expenses SCO	\$15,470.66	\$1,016.66	\$14,454.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$18,456.32	\$5,815.93	\$12,640.39
Operational Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,189.43)	(\$129.00)	(\$14,150.43)

A) Income:

- Membership fee revenue had decreased. Fees had been tracked until the new platform had been implemented. Part of the income is in “unspecified” from the RASC
- Sale of merchandise had a decrease, in part due *Explore the Universe* being given to all new members versus being sold through our Centre.
- The SCO special fundraiser raised \$9,090.00. Donations totalled \$8610.00 with an additional \$480.00 from astroimage sales.

B) Expenses:

- A highlight this past year was the SCO electrification project with expenses to date of \$15,470.00; Halifax Centre donated \$7500.00 to that project. If you take out the electrification project from both the income and expense sheet, we made \$1,00.00 to \$1,200.00 in the past year.

Members noted it would be important for the RASC to know income and expenses for their year-end reports. Questions arose about future expenses for the SCO project that were addressed by John Liddard; it was estimated to be around \$1,400.00 and prioritization of items have been made. Nova Notes should show both expenses and income; Gregg noted that expenses related to shipping and mailing are still pending.

C) Balance Sheet:

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Comparative Balance Sheet			
Years Ending September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2021			
September 30, 2021 Activity to: September 30, 2021	Years Ended September 30		Amount of Increase or (Decrease) during 2021
	2021	2020	
Assets			
Cash	\$5,166.49	\$10,057.34	(\$4,890.85)
Accounts Receivable	\$243.75		\$243.75
Investments	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Library Estimated	\$1,257.42	\$1,296.31	(\$38.89)
Observatory Equipment	\$10,513.68	\$10,838.78	(\$325.10)
Miscellaneous Estimated	\$137.40	\$320.05	(\$182.65)
Total Assets	\$25,318.74	\$30,512.48	(\$5,193.74)
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$497.51		\$497.51
Capital			
Nova East Working Equity	\$4,899.93	\$4,899.93	\$0.00
Common Equity	\$19,921.30	\$25,612.55	(\$5,691.25)
Total Capital	\$24,821.23	\$30,512.48	(\$5,691.25)
Total Liabilities and Capital	\$25,318.74	\$30,512.48	(\$5,193.74)

At the end of the year, we had \$50,166.00 in the bank. The Centre still has 2 GICs worth \$4,000 each and become due next June. Also note the estimated values of the library and the Observatory equipment. Gregg noted that this report will differ from the audited report expected in the Jan/Feb edition of Nova Notes.

211204AGM-Mot05:

It was moved by Gregg Dill and seconded by Mary Lou Whitehorne to accept the financial report as presented.
CARRIED unanimously.

Before Nominations and elections were to be addressed, Judy thanked Wayne Harasimovitch and Dave Chapman for their service to the Halifax Centre. Dave has served the past several years as Observing Chair, and as Chair of the Deep-Sky Preserve (DSP) Committee where he will continue to participate. Wayne served as the Centre's Librarian.

Call for Nominations and Election of 2022 Board of Directors

Peter Hurley, Chair of the Nomination Committee, presented the nomination for the Board of Directors. There were 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the 2022 Board of Directors. The slate of nominees for the 2022 Board of Directors was then presented as follows:

Executive Committee

President – Judy Black
Vice-President – Patrick Kelly
Recording Secretary – Peter Hurley
Treasurer – Gregg Dill

Directors

Tim Doucette
Matthew Dyer
Paul Heath

David Hoskin
Kathy Walker
Jaime Whynot

There being no further nominations, the 2021 Board of Directors positions were elected by acclamation.

The Board had approved appointments at previous deliberations. Judy Black stated Mary Lou Whitehorne continues to be the Honorary President until December 2023. Thanks to Dave Lane stepping up earlier in this meeting, the Auditor position has been filled. The Nova East Planning Committee requires a Chairperson to begin the planning process for Nova East 2022 in February/March 2022.

Auditor	David Lane
DSP Committee, Co-Chairs	Peter Hurley, Tony Schellinck
Governance Committee	Judy Black
Librarian	Jerry Black
National Council Rep	Judy Black
Nominating Committee	Peter Hurley
Nova East Planning Committee	vacant
Nova Notes, Co-Editors	Lisa Ann Fanning, John McPhee
Observing Chair	David Hoskin
Outreach Chair	Paul Heath
SCO Manager	John Liddard

There were 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the appointed positions. Peter stated the appointments would be approved by the incoming Board at their January 4, 2022 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM AST.