



## RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 2025: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Via Zoom – Meeting 837 4272 7127

Agenda Items				
Time	Item	Purpose	Responsibility	Support Documents / Notes
7:00 PM	1. Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Agenda</li> <li>Review Action List</li> <li>Approval of Previous Minutes of Meeting</li> </ul>	Information Approval	Tony McGrath	Pre-circulated; Agenda: October 28, 2025 <b>Refer to Agenda Notes #1: Open Action List</b> Previous Minutes: September 30, 2025
<b>ONGOING ITEMS</b>				
	2. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Guest Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2025 Board Meeting Dates</li> <li>b. Confirm Member's Meeting agenda</li> <li>c. Zoom/SMU Bookings</li> <li>d. Guest Speakers &amp; Ideas for Future Presentations</li> </ul>	Ongoing Discussion Approval	Tony McGrath  Judy Black	<b>Refer to Agenda Notes #2: Speakers &amp; Approved 2025 Public Meeting Dates</b>  <b>Refer to Agenda Notes #3: Approved 2025 Board Meeting Dates</b>
	3. Report from National Council Representative	Information Discussion	Judy Black	<b>Next Meeting: December 7, 2025</b>
	4. RASC Halifax Centre Website & YouTube	Discussion	Judy Black	<b>Refer to Agenda Notes #4: Website Update</b>
	5. Financial Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Status</li> <li>GIC Reinvestment</li> <li>SCOPE Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Astro-Image Sales</li> <li>Investment of Principle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Discussion	Gregg Dill  Tony McGrath	n/a
<b>UPDATES / REPORTS</b>				
	6. Update: Status of Centre Library	Discussion Decision	Judy Black	<b>Refer to Agenda Notes #5: Book Sale</b>
	7. SCO	Discussion	Tony McGrath	n/a
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>				
	8. 2025 AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports Due (VP), Editors Nova Notes (Chairs/Co-Chairs of EPO, DSP, Observing)</li> <li>Re-offering for election or appointment</li> </ul>	Discussion	Judy Black	<b>Refer to Agenda Notes #6: AGM Election, Appointments</b>  <b>Refer to Agenda Notes #7: AGM Agenda</b>
	19. 2026 Board Reference Manual	Discussion	Judy Black	n/a
<b>Adjournment</b>				
9:00 PM	Adjournment			<b>(Next meeting: December 2, 2025)</b>

**RASC, Halifax Centre – Public Meeting**  
 Saturday, November 1, 2025: 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
 Via Zoom - Meeting ID 878 5224 6784

Time	<i>Member &amp; Public Meeting</i>		
1:00 PM	Item		
	1. Welcome & Introductions • Photo Montage	Information	David Hoskin
	2. <b>Special Presentation:</b> <i>Patrick Kelly - Telling Time in Scotland: from stones to sundials</i>	Presentation	Pat Kelly
	BREAK		
	3. Outreach Opportunities	Information	David Hoskin
	4. Food for the Soul:	Information	
	5. Update from the Board	Information	Judy Black
	6. What's Up in November?	Information	David Hoskin
4:00 PM	Adjournment <b>Next meeting: AGM - December 6, 2025</b> Paul Grey – Starmus 2025		

**Halifax Centre Board of Directors - Minutes of Meeting**  
**October 28, 2025 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
 held via Zoom - Meeting ID 837 4272 7127

**Present:** Tony McGrath (President), Peter Hurley (Vice-President), Gregg Dill (Treasurer), Judy Black (Secretary), David Hoskin, David McMullin.

**Regrets:** Matt Dyer, Lisa Ann Fanning, Vincent Vallee.

**Absent:** Jeff Donaldson.

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Tony called the meeting to order at 7:03pm with a quorum. Judy noted that Lisa Ann Fanning, Vincent Vallee had sent regrets.

**a) Approval of Agenda**

David McMullin noted a misnumbering on the agenda.

**251028MN-Mot01**

It was moved by David McMullin and seconded by David Hoskin to approve the October 28, 2025 RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors meeting agenda as circulated with the amendment.  
 CARRIED.

**b) Review of Action Lists**

From June 16, 2025

**Action 2:** Closed.

From September 2, 2025

**Action 1:** Open. Peter will follow up on this later in the week.

**Action 6:** Closed.

It was noted there are still some challenges. Blair has to calibrate some of his images. There were two issues identified by Jerry:

- (1) APS suggested the prices we request may be too low. Allen Sutherland suggested we should be asking for a higher price.
- (2) There's an option for choosing pickup rather than being shipped; the choice for pickup does not seem to work. Jerry has been in touch with Allen and with PayPal requesting how this glitch can be corrected.

**251028MN-Act01:** Tony McGrath and Jerry Black to acquire confirmation of picture prices and obtain the correction of the website to accept both pickup and delivery options.

**251028MN-Act02:** Gregg Dill to confirm PayPal funds are transferred to our TD bank account.

**Action 11:** Open. Judy will begin the process over the fall months.

From September 30, 2025

**Action 1:** Closed.

**251028MN-Act03:** Tony McGrath to resend Dr. Baron's message to Board members.

**Action 2:** Closed. Details are scanty other than stating that several years ago New Brunswick Centre subsidized Youth memberships to a degree of success. Members, like Paul Gray, had taken advantage of it.

**Actions 3, 4 re Sara Seager:** closed

**Action 5:** Closed.

**Action 6:** Closed. Done in early October.

**Actions 7, 8:** Closed.

**Action 9:** Closed. Reports have yet to be received from the Vice-President and the EPO, Observing and DSP Chairs. They are needed by Friday, October 31, 2025.

**Actions 10, 11:** Closed

No errors or omissions in the September 30, 2025 minutes were noted.

#### **251028MN-Mot02**

It was moved by Gregg Dill and seconded by David McMullin to approve the September 30, 2025 RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors meeting minutes, as circulated.  
CARRIED.

### **ONGOING ITEMS**

#### **2. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Guest Speakers**

The list of presentations was reviewed. Judy stated she was waiting to hear back from Paul Heath regarding the possibility of a poem. The Board Update will be shared by Tony McGrath and Judy Black. Tony noted that Blair MacDonald would be interested in providing a talk about astroimaging over the past summer.

It was noted there is no definitive speaker schedule determined as yet but there are speakers to contact regarding their availability:

- Dr. Baron via Zoom.
- Blair MacDonald
- Devon Williams (SMU student to address the JWST)
- Michelle Lane & Andrea Misner to address outcome of first year of the Starfinder school program (in May/June or September/October)
- Suggested at Nova East: have an Astronomy Humour session where members forward their favourite astro cartoons and provide an explanation as to why they like it

Judy had chatted with Allan McCue (Calgary Centre) at the 2025 RASC General Assembly who offered to conduct a Stellarium Course, especially if we invited members from New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

This would not through the national RASC but rather from him as an individual.

**251028MN-Act04:** Judy Black to contact Allan McCue to obtain details of the Stellarium course (length, price) and his availability to conduct a course.

**251028MN-Act05:** Judy Black to contact the New Brunswick Centre and Saint John's Centre to determine their interest in participating.

### **3. National Council (NC) Report**

Judy Black reported she was still waiting for the October 19, 2025 meeting minutes. Tony is aware the Centre Presidents are being invited to the December 7, 2025, National Council Meeting. The draft budget will be presented by the RASC Board of Directors for consideration and comment. The financial statements as prepared by the RASC Treasurer Michael Watson were reviewed. The NC were informed the RASC Canadian bank balance as of October 19<sup>th</sup> was \$350,533 CDN and the American bank account held \$128,000 USD (approximately \$179,000 CDN). It was also noted this time of year is when major donations and the bulk of annual renewal fees are collected so that will affect the deficit.

Other items discussed:

- A laser pointer pilot program with Parks Canada is being developed. Because Parks Canada there is the requirement for Francophone material and presenters. Those trained will be considered a "national member" and could be trained under our agreement with Transport Canada.
- The Canada Post strike is over so the RASC Observer's Handbook and the Journal are again being delivered via letter mail versus the more expensive option of courier.
- The annual financial audit will be conducted in the fall and in spring at a time when accountants are not overloaded with annual tax audits in March/April. This reduces the workload for both the RASC and the auditors and makes it less expensive because of the time of year.
- Randall Rosenfeld is moving from Toronto at the end of November and will be resigning his position as the volunteer archivist. The RASC is looking at a few options to find his replacement.

#### **251028MN-Act06**

Judy Black to circulate the report of the October 19, 2025, National Council meeting to Board members.

The floor was opened to the Centres to make announcement. Windsor Centre is celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a special dinner; David Levy is the guest speaker. Ottawa Centre commented they were concerned about the loss of membership and were looking to develop an exit survey. With the approval of Tony McGrath to do so, Judy forwarded the RASC Halifax Centre exit survey for them to use/edit.

Members may have seen the NOVA program advertisement from Montréal Centre. Judy contacted Karim Jaffer (Montréal Centre EPO Chair, RASC EPO Chair) to determine if the program was available for use by all 30 Centres or whether it was still being beta tested. Karim confirmed it was still being tested but that he will report on this at the December 7, 2025 NC meeting.

### **4. RASC Halifax Centre Website and YouTube**

Judy noted the updates to the website by Jerry Black as described in the Agenda notes. Nova Notes will be uploaded. The photo on our Nova East website has been updated to 2025.

### **5. Financial Update**

Gregg Dill stated our bank account was somewhat reduced to \$16,929.00 because as of today GIC s valued at \$18,000 was purchased at the Diwali rate of 2.9% for 18 months. The SCOPE Fund has \$19,570.00.

Tony inquired about the list of contributors. There is a draft thank you letter for contributors.

#### **251028MN-Act07**

Gregg Dill to forward list of contributors to Tony McGrath.

#### **251028MN-Act08**

Judy Black to forward thank you letter draft to Tony McGrath.

#### **251028MN-Act09**

Judy Black and Tony McGrath to send letters to the contributors.

### **Updates/Reports**

#### **6. Update: Centre Library**

All books stored at SCO were reviewed on October 18, 2025, by David Hoskin, Jerry Black and Judy Black. The books were culled for relevancy and duplication and accordingly were sorted into one of the following groupings:

1. **Keep** - These were books donated, signed, or written by former members, and those that may be of special interest. Two boxes remain at SCO. A second review of them is suggested and how to store them will have to be decided at a later date.
2. **Sell** - Michelle Lane had provided prices when she sold Dave's books: 4 for \$25.00, 5 for \$30. It was agreed we would add the prices of 2 for \$15 and 3 for \$20.
3. **Free or Donate** - These books are to be offered free for the taking but donations would be welcomed. Many of the books are older, are astronomy histories (people and science), reference books, etc.
4. Books containing outdated science and information that could easily be accessed online or contained very outdated information regarding astroimaging, etc., have been thrown out.

It was agreed the books will be sold during intermission and following the meeting up to 4:30 PM. The monies from the book sale goes to the SCO Maintenance Fund to allow finances for immediate SCO needs, and astroimage sales goes directly to the SCOPE Fund. Volunteers to person the two tables at the book sale are Judy Black, Gregg Dill, David McMullin and Peter Hurley.

#### **7. SCO**

Tony McGrath replaced the GFI breakers in the roll-off. All lights and receptacles are working and there is GFI breaker in the panel. The south side outside receptacles still require some attention. He was hoping to decide the items he outlined in a previous email.

- a) **ShopVac purchase**: Members agreed the biannual cleanup at SCO should help with pest control. There was also a broom in the Warm Room that could be used in-between should there be an issue.
- b) **Generator**: It might have been serviced by Ian Anderson when he was on the executive. It was agreed it would not be used now but that its functionality should be determined.

#### **250930MN-Act10**

Tony McGrath to determine if the generator can run. If yes, he is to post it on Facebook Marketplace.

- c) **Solar Panels**: The solar panels are attached to the soffits, not the roof. The lead acid batteries and solar cells may not be useful to anyone due; however, the Centre may get something for the inverter and the charge controller. The panels are attached to a metal frame on the fascia so are not attached to the roof. Members agreed to get rid of the solar panel system. It was agreed the panels had to be removed before it snows, and two people will need to be there. Peter volunteered to assist Tony.

#### **250930MN-Act11**

Tony McGrath to conduct a final inspection of the roof panels to develop a plan for removal.

- d) **Eyepieces**: members agreed they should be returned to SCO for use with the telescope. The concern was moisture; a proper case would be needed. A pelican case would be required with desiccants to protect the eyepieces. It was noted that Princess Auto often has sales on the cases.

### **250930MN-Act12**

Tony McGrath to return the eyepieces to SCO and search for a case for safe storage.

- e) **Re-Keying:** It was agreed there is a very low security risk and therefore re-keying was not required. Tony suggested perhaps changing the combination code on the gate's lockbox; this could be done on an annual basis after assessing who had keys.

## **New Business**

### **8. 2025 AGM**

The 2025 AGM is December 6, 2025. According to our policy regarding the AGM, all reports and notification of meeting must go out 30 days before. The request for Annual reports by October 31, 2025, was sent out. At this point, reports are needed from the Vice-President, and the chair/Co-Chairs of EPO, DSP, and Observing. All other reports have been received and collated.

All positions for election have been filled by existing Board members, except for the two director positions that are vacant.

Judy Black reminded members of the following term limits of existing Board members should they be re-elected at the AGM:

- President: Tony would be serving year 3 of the 3-year limit. He can serve in on the Board for another 6 years.
- Vice-President: Peter Hurley would be serving year 2 of the 3-year limit. He can serve on the Board for another 2 years before the 10-year limit.
- Secretary: Judy Black would be serving year 10 of the 10-year limit on the Board; she will have to step down for one year as of December 2026.
- Treasurer: Gregg Dill would be serving year 3 of the 5-year limit. He can serve on the Board for another 2 years before the 10-year limit.
- Directors:
  - Matthew Dyer, David Hoskin: would be serving year 7 of the 10-year limit. There is no term limit for chairs of committees.
  - David McMullin, Vincent Vallee: would be serving year 2 of the 10-year limit.

Two names were suggested to fill the two vacancies – Gerry Brosky and Frank Logan.

### **250930MN-Act13**

Peter Hurley will contact Frank Logan to ask him about being elected as a Board member at the upcoming AGM.

### **250930MN-Act14**

Judy Black will contact Gerry Brosky to ask him about being elected as a Board member at the upcoming AGM.

For 2027, the Board will have to search for replacements for President, Secretary, Governance Committee Chair and NC Rep.

All previous appointees have agreed to have their names stand for re-appointment.

### **250930MN-Act15**

Judy Black will determine if our Centre policies require the Chair/Co-Chair to be a Board member.

The draft AGM schedule was based on previous agenda. There are no By-Law amendments this year. Judy reminded members that reports were pre-circulated for members to review prior to the AGM; they are not read at the AGM. The Financial Report is the only report presented and discussed at the AGM. An Auditor nomination is required.

### **250930MN-Act16**

Gregg Dill will ask David Chapman if he would re-offer as Auditor for 2025-2026.

The Public meeting would consist of the Photo Montage, What's Up, Paul Gray's presentation and Paul Heath's poem.

### 9. 2026 Board Reference Manual

The Board reference Manual was developed by Judy Black for two purposes:

1. To educate the Board of Directors of the 5 W's of being a Board member; and
2. To provide information to the Board that they can provide should members ask them questions.

It has not been revised for a couple of years but she hopes to have it prepared for the January 2026 Board meeting. One of the key pieces in the document is the Calendar included in the appendix. It goes month-by-month and outlines the activities that is required that month and by whom. She reminded members that she will not be on the Board in 2027 so that this will serve as a reminder to the Board. Circulated separately is the Board Contact List; it is not part of the manual.

The possibility of having a Google Drive for RASC Halifax Centre Board documents was discussed. Someone will have to be assigned to monitor the site. All documentation on the website does not require limited access. Documents such as our Board Manual and Board list would be restricted.

#### 250930MN-Act17

Tony McGrath and Judy Black to investigate acquiring a Google Drive for the Centre Board of Directors.

### Adjournment

No further business to conduct. Tony thanked everyone for their time.

#### 250902MN-Mot03

It was moved by Gregg Dill and seconded by David Hoskin to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm. Our next Board meeting is December 2, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Black, Secretary

### ACTION LIST (as of September 30, 2025):

From April 29, 2025		
250429MN-Act04	<b>Peter Hurley</b> will approach Dave Robertson regarding the Announce List message regarding the need for Laser Pointer training and the Transport Canada Agreement with the RASC.	Open
From September 2, 2025		
250902MN-Act01	<b>Peter Hurley</b> will contact the RASC regarding Dave Robertson as an LP Trainer for our Centre and for access to the LP database.	Open
250902MN-Act11	<b>Judy Black</b> to send RASC Halifax Centre documentation to the NS Archives.	Open
From September 30, 2025		
250930MN-Act09	<b>Annual reports must be received by October 31, 2025</b> from the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (if possible), Editors of <i>Nova Notes</i> , NC Rep, and chair/Co-Chairs of EPO, DSP, Nova East, Observing, Webmaster and SCO Manager.	Open
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251028MN-Act16	<b>Gregg Dill</b> will ask David Chapman if he would re-offer as Auditor for 2025-2026.	Open
251028MN-Act17	<b>Tony McGrath and Judy Black</b> to investigate acquiring a Google Drive for the Centre Board of Directors.	Open

#### MOTION LIST (October 28, 2025):

<b>251028MN-Mot01</b>	It was moved by David McMullin and seconded by David Hoskin to approve the October 28, 2025 RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors meeting agenda as circulated with the amendment. CARRIED.
<b>251028MN-Mot02</b>	It was moved by Gregg Dill and seconded by David McMullin to approve the September 30, 2025 RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors meeting minutes, as circulated. CARRIED.
<b>251028MN-Mot03</b>	It was moved by Gregg Dill and seconded by David Hoskin to adjourn.

#### AGENDA NOTES

Agenda Item, Proposed By, & Date Proposed	Description Received (& Proposed Motion, if Applicable)
<b>Agenda Note #1 re: Open Action List</b>	<p><b><u>June 16, 2025</u></b></p> <p><b>250616MN-Act02: Gregg Dill</b> to obtain and share the GIC investment options with the TD Bank with <b>Tony McGrath</b> prior to taking action.</p> <p><b><u>September 2, 2025</u></b></p> <p><b>250902MN-Act01: Peter Hurley</b> will contact the RASC regarding Dave Robertson as an LP Trainer for our Centre and for access to the LP database.</p> <p><b>250902MN -Act06: Tony McGrath</b> to host a Zoom session with five attendees – himself, <b>Gregg Dill, Vincent Vallee, Blair MacDonald and Jerry Black</b> – to clarify process and to move the project along.</p> <p><b>250902MN -Act11: Judy Black</b> to send RASC Halifax Centre documentation to the NS Archives.</p> <p><b><u>September 30, 2025</u></b></p> <p><b>250930MN-Act01: Tony McGrath</b> to forward Dr. Baron's message to Board members.</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act02: Tony McGrath</b> to forward the details of the New Brunswick Centre youth recruitment plan to Board members.</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act03: Judy Black</b> to contact Henry House and Pickford &amp; Black to determine availability of seating for 15 people on October 4 at 5 pm.</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act04: Judy Black</b> to purchase a gift for Dr. Sara Seager for up to \$75.00 with taxes in.</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act05: Judy Black</b> to circulate the report of the September National Council meeting to Board members.</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act06: Judy Black, David Hoskin, Pat Kelly and Tony McGrath</b> to determine a date after Thanksgiving to sort the library books currently stored at SCO.</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act07: Tony McGrath</b> to forward his list of SCO maintenance needs to the Board.</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act08: Judy Black</b> to request Jerry Black to post approved policies on the Centre website</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act09: Annual reports must be received by October 31, 2025</b> from the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (if possible), Editors of <i>Nova Notes</i>, NC Rep, and chair/Co-Chairs of EPO, DSP, Nova East, Observing, Webmaster and SCO Manager</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act10: Judy Black</b> to forward the 2024 Annual Reports to the appropriate Board members.</p> <p><b>250930MN-Act11: All elected Board and appointed members must notify Judy Black by October 15, 2025</b> of their intent to remain or leave the Board.</p>
<b>Agenda Note #2 re: Speakers &amp; 2025 Public Meeting Dates</b>	<p><b>2025 Approved Members Meeting Dates and Events</b> Members' Meeting dates and known speakers are posted on the RASC(HC) website.</p> <p><b>Confirmed Location &amp; Speakers for 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>(AT101) November 1</b> – Patrick Kelly (Telling Time in Scotland: from stones to sundials)</li> <li>• <b>(AT101) December 6</b> – Paul Gray (Starmus 2025)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Speakers/Topics for 2026 (Room &amp; Date TBD)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blair MacDonald</li> <li>• Devin Williams, PhD (JWST) – agreed to speak</li> <li>• Allan McCue (Calgary Centre) – Willing to provide a Stellarium Course, especially if we invite members from NB and St. John's Centres to participate</li> <li>• Michelle Lane &amp; Andrea Misner re "Starfinder" program – perhaps in May/June or September time frame to allow for teachers to use the program and for evaluation.</li> <li>• Astronomy Humour – favourite astro cartoons from members and they would provide a brief explanation</li> <li>• (As suggested by David Turner) David Baron of the American Astronomical Society's Historical Astronomy Division (HAD) – presentation about his book The Martians, regarding Percival Lowell and the "canals" on Mars</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggested Speakers / Special Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Falk (Edmond Halley)</li> <li>• John Badowski</li> <li>• SMU Astronomy and Physics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiffany Fields</li> <li>• Rob Thacker</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="https://rasc.ca/find-speaker">https://rasc.ca/find-speaker</a></li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Notes #3: 2025 Board Meeting Dates</b>	<p><b>Board Meeting Dates (no meetings July/August):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 28</li> <li>• <b>AGM:</b> December 2</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Notes #4: Website Updates</b>	<p><b><u>Updates to the Halifax Website &amp; YouTube channel:</u></b></p> <p><b>October 6, 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry uploaded video of meeting (Oct.4/25).</li> <li>• Revised meeting date and Speaker. Added descriptor as provided by Pat Kelly.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Notes #5: Library Book Sale</b>	<p>All books stored at SCO were reviewed on October 18, 2025, by David Hoskin, Jerry Black and Judy Black. The books were culled for relevancy and duplication and accordingly were sorted into one of the following groupings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <b>Keep</b> - These were books donated, signed, or written by former members, and those that may be of special interest. Two boxes are still at SCO - off the floor and on the two white chairs to hopefully keep ants put of the boxes. What to do with books we decide to keep will need to be decided. Another review of them is suggested.</li> <li>6. <b>Sell</b> - Here are the prices suggested by Michelle Lane when she sold Dave's books (and some of his collection is in this allotment): 4 for \$25.00, 5 for \$30. Did we want to change these or at least add prices such as 2 for \$15, 3 for \$20?</li> <li>7. <b>Free or Donate</b> - These books are to be offered free for the taking but donations would be welcomed. Many of the books are older, are astronomy histories (people and science), reference books, and the like.</li> <li>8. <b>Garbage</b> - These books contained outdated science and information that could easily be accessed online or contained very outdated information regarding astroimaging, etc. They have been disposed.</li> </ol> <p>Logistics of the Sale:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a- <b>How to pay?</b> Cash, cheque or e-transfer? If the latter, we should get the person's name, email/phone number and number of books purchased so that Gregg can track sale and money that should come in?</li> <li>b- <b>Who to person 2 tables for #2 and #3 above?</b></li> </ol>
<b>Agenda Notes 6: Election at AGM</b>	<p><b><u>For Information:</u></b></p> <p><i>In the Nov/Dec 2017 Nova Notes, the AGM report stated, "Members were informed that going forward the "Council" is now the "Board of Directors" and that the approved Bylaw #1 (2016) is now enacted and that the elections of the Executive and Directors of the Board were being</i></p>

	<p><i>conducted in accordance with Bylaw.” The election was held in accordance with the newly revise By-Law with its first year of enactment being 2017 and its tenth year being 2026.</i></p> <p><i>What this means is that 2026 will be the last year that some of us can run for re-election because we have been here for 10 years in various roles on the Board were here since 2017. The following individuals must therefore step down as of December 31, 2026, for at least one year as stated in our By-Laws and Position Description – Judy Black.</i></p> <p><b><u>Roster for Re-election (Dec 6/25)</u></b>  President – Tony McGrath (Board member since 2023; 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 years as President)  Vice-President – Peter Hurley (Board member since 2019; 1st of 3 years as V-P)  Secretary – Judy Black (10 of 10 years)  Treasurer – Gregg Dill (member since March 2019; Treasurer since 2024; 3 of 5 years)  Directors:  Matthew Dyer (member since 2020; year 7 of 10)  David Hoskin (member since 2020; year 7 of 10)  David McMullin (member since 2025); year 1 of 10)  Vincent Vallee (member since 2025); year 1 of 10)</p> <p><b>Vacant:</b> 2 Director seats</p> <p><b><u>Roster for Reappointment by Newly-elected Board in January 2026</u></b> (Terms limits determined by term on the Board of Directors)  1. Nova Notes – Lisa Ann Fanning, John McPhee  2. Observing Chair – David Hoskin  3. EPO Chair – David Hoskin  4. Governance Review Committee Chair – Judy Black  5. NC Representative (must be a Director) – Judy Black  6. Dark-Preserve Committee – Peter Hurley  7. Webmaster – Jerry Black  8. SCO Manager – Tony McGrath  9. Nova East Planning Committee – Chris Young, Judy Black, David Chapman, Tony McGrath, Michael Gatto, Vincent Vallee</p>
<p><b>Agenda Notes 7: AGM Agenda</b></p>	<p><b><u>Annual General Meeting (AGM)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approval of 2025 Agenda</li> <li>b. Approval of AGM Minutes (December 7, 2024)</li> <li>c. Appointment of Auditor for 2025-2026</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Reports</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Q&amp;A regarding pre-circulated reports</li> <li>b. Approval of reports as presented (with any amendments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Report – Tony McGrath</li> <li>• VP Report – Peter Hurley</li> <li>• Secretary Report – Judy Black</li> <li>• Auditor Report – David Chapman</li> <li>• Treasurer Report – Gregg Dill</li> <li>• National Council Representative Report – Judy Black</li> <li>• Dark-Sky Preserve Committee – Peter Hurley, Tony Schellinck</li> <li>• Education &amp; Public Outreach (EPO) Chair Report – David Hoskin</li> <li>• Governance Committee Report – Judy Black</li> <li>• Nova East Report – Chris Young</li> <li>• Nova Notes – Lisa Ann Fanning</li> <li>• Observing Chair Report – David Hoskin</li> <li>• St. Croix Observatory (SCO) Report – Tony McGrath</li> <li>• Webmaster Report – Jerry Black</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>Call for Nominations and Election of 2026 Board of Directors</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nominating Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations for Board of Directors</li> <li>• Elections for positions</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <b>Call for Nominations for Appointed Positions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nominations for Appointed Positions</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. <b>By-Law No. 1 Amendments</b></li> </ol>

	<p>a. No amendments to the RASC Halifax Centre By-Law No. 1 are recommended this year.</p> <p><b><i>Adjournment of AGM</i></b></p>
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