



**Council of Halifax Centre - Minutes of Meeting
9 December 2016
SMU, The Atrium, Room AT306 (6:30 AM - 7:30 PM)**

Present: Paul Gray, David Chapman, Ian Anderson, Jim Millar, Judy Black, Chris Young, Sean Dzafovic, Tony Schellinck, Pat Kelly.

Regrets: Paul Heath, Dr. Roy Bishop, Quinn Smith, Andy Hasler, Elli Hasler, Tony McGrath.

Guests: David lane, Andrew Frank.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Paul Gray welcomed members and guests. He asked if members had other items to add to the agenda. None were suggested.

161209MN – Mot01

It was moved by Sean Dzafovic and seconded by Jim Millar that the agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED unanimously.

Minutes of the November 18, 2016 Council Meeting had been pre-circulated for review. No changes to the minutes were noted.

161209MN – Mot02

It was moved by Jim Millar and seconded by Chris Young that the minutes of November 18, 2016 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

The Action Lists were reviewed.

a) April 2016:

Action 2 remains open.

Actions 3 and 4 closed.

Action 3: Paul Gray had talked to Jim MacDonald of the New Brunswick Centre. Randall Rosenfeld agreed to speak to both Centres but only after the snow melts.

b) May 2016:

Action 3 remains open.

c) September 2016

Action 1 closed. A letter had been drafted for Paul Gray's signature. Dave Lane will mail it through internal SMU mail system.

Action 3 remains open.

d) October 2016

Action 4 closed

Action 16 remains open.

Action 17 closed. The 17" Dobsonian is now on Kijiji.

e) November 2016

Action

161209MN-Act01

Judy Black is to phone Randy Attwood regarding the problem with the Centre's data.

161209MN-Act02

Paul Gray is to contact Denis Grey regarding the status of the website development.

161209MN-Act03

Judy Black is to forward the letter sent to the IT team to Dave Chapman.

ONGOING ITEMS

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Guest Speakers

a) **Meeting Date Confirmation:** Members had confirmed the 2017 meeting dates at the November Council meeting (Jan 20, Feb 17, March 17, April 21, May 12, June 16, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 with AGM on Dec 8).

b) **SMU Room Bookings:** Dan Snyder at SMU confirmed the usual rooms for Jan 20, Feb 17, March 17 and April 21.

c) **Guest Speakers** – The suggestion of using some of the budget to bring in guest speakers was raised, especially for Nova East.

161209MN-Act04

Judy Black is to add “Money for bringing Guest speakers to Nova East” to the January 2017 agenda.

d) **Ideas for Future Presentations** – Dave Chapman volunteered his 45-minute presentation on Sundials. Tony Schellinck volunteered to present how to teach people to use binoculars. It was noted that Paul Heath was in hospital and therefore could not attend the meetings this evening.

161209MN-Act05

Chris Young is to bring a get-well card on behalf of Halifax Centre to Paul Heath.

ITEMS FOR DECISION PRIOR TO AGM

3. Signing Authority

Judy Black noted that Gregg Dill had questioned whether a specific statement was required in the Bylaw #1 (2016). An additional sub-article had been drafted by Judy and Jim Millar for consideration. It was also noted that historically only one signature, i.e., that of the Treasurer, had been required for cheques. After much discussion, it was determined that an additional statement was not required in the bylaw.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4. National Website

5. Randall Rosenfeld

These items had been addressed during the discussion of the Action List.

6. Sale of 17” Dobsonian on Kijiji - Update

Chris Young reported that it was posted on the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Kijiji and in Canada-wide AstroBuySell.com (Ad #38643).

REPORTS

7. Nominating Committee

The slate of nominations would be presented at the AGM by the Nominating Committee. It was noted that the President position remained open. The question of how to connect to Melody Hamilton when she is unable to attend in person was asked.

161209MN-Act06

Judy Black is to add to the January 2017 agenda the topic of how to make connections when Councilors cannot attend in person.

NEW BUSINESS

8. 2017 Keji DSW – 2 dates (August 11-13 and September 22-24)

Dave Chapman stated he and Quinn had conducted the lighting audit at Keji. There had been no discussion of details regarding both week-ends at Keji but they would appreciate an answer before January when the schedule and Visitor Guide are cast in stone. Councilors agreed to the second date and agreed that it would be a scaled down version of the summer event, perhaps with only 4-6 volunteers in attendance. It was suggested that one electrical site be requested so that charging of electronics would be possible.

161209MN-Act07

Dave Chapman is to contact Keji to confirm the two dates.

161209MN-Act08

Dave Chapman is to contact and confirm volunteers for the two events.

Pat Kelly arrived at 7:04 PM.

9. Annual Reports

Judy Black requested clarification of dates covered in the reports for the AGM. It was confirmed that although the financial report covered the fiscal year (October 1 to September 30), the reports from Councilors covered the Calendar year in which they are in office.

10. Annual Thank You to Jamie Carmichael

Judy Black noted in last year's December meeting minutes that a gift certificate had been given to Jamie Carmichael who keeps an eye on SCO for us and keeps the road plowed. A thank you card for Paul Gray to sign and a \$100.00 Canadian Tire gift card had been purchased. Jim Millar agreed to mail the card.

11. Parallelogram Mount for the Thurlow Binoculars

Chris Young had brought in a parallelogram mount and demonstrated its use to Councilors. He explained that it would take a 30-pound capacity. The cost would be approximately \$1200.00 Canadian that includes shipping. He was not sure about the brokerage fees that potentially could be charged to the Centre.

161209MN – Mot03

It was moved by Chris Young and seconded by Dave Chapman that the RASC Halifax Centre purchase a parallelogram mount for the Thurlow Binoculars.

CARRIED unanimously.

12. Council Meeting Summary in Nova Notes

This was deferred to the January 2017 meeting.

13. Adjournment

161209MN – Mot04

It was moved by Jim Millar to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Black
Secretary