

# **RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, January 30, 2024: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 811 8465 4249

			Agenda Items	
Time	Item	Purpose	Responsibility	Support Documents / Notes
7:00 PM	<ol> <li>Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> <li>Approval of Agenda</li> <li>Review Action List</li> <li>Approval of Previous Minutes of Meeting</li> </ol>	Information Approval	Tony McGrath	Pre-circulated: Agenda: January 30, 2024 Minutes: January 2, 2024
ONGOING	ITEMS			
	2. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Guest Speakers a. 2024 Member's Meeting Date Confirmation and	Ongoing Discussion Approval	Tony McGrath	Refer to Agenda Notes #1: Speakers & Approved 2024 Member Meeting Dates Refer to Agenda Notes #2: 2024 Board of
	Format b. Confirm Member's Meeting agenda c. Zoom/SMU Bookings d. Guest Speakers & Ideas for Future Presentations		Judy Black	Directors Meeting Dates
	3. Report from National Council Representative	Information Discussion	Judy Black	Next meeting Feb 11, 2024
	4. RASC Halifax Centre Website & YouTube	Discussion	Judy Black	n/a
	<ul> <li>5. Financial Update</li> <li>Financial Status</li> <li>Review and Approve Auditor's Report</li> <li>RJSC Update</li> </ul>	Discussion	Gregg Dill	n/a
	6. Member Welcome Package • Update • Survey review	Discussion	Tony McGrath	n/a
	<ul> <li>7. Education &amp; Public</li> <li>Outreach (EPO)</li> <li>Outreach Requests</li> <li>Distribution of eclipse glasses</li> <li>Eclipse plans</li> </ul>	Discussion	David Hoskin	n/a
RASC HAI	LIFAX CENTRE - GOALS & O	BJECTIVES		
	8. 2024 Goals & Objectives	Ongoing Discussion	Tony McGrath	Refer to Agenda Notes #3
UPDATES	REPORTS			
	<ul> <li>9. SCO</li> <li>Access – gate and key</li> <li>Members observing night <ul> <li>Announcement</li> <li>Presentation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Discussion	John Liddard Tony McGrath	Refer to Agenda Notes #4
	Maintenance     10. GLP certificates and     training	Discussion	Judy Black	n/a

NEW BUSINESS					
Adjournm	Adjournment				
9:00 PM	11. Adjournment (Next meeting: Feb 27, 2024)				

# RASC, Halifax Centre – Member's Meeting Saturday, February 3, 2024 – 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Via Zoom –	Meeting	ID 875	9268 5783	

	Agenda Items				
Time*	Item	Responsibility			
1:00 PM	Welcome & Introductions	(emcee)			
	Photo Montage	David Hoskin			
	ETU guides for sale				
	<b>Presentation:</b> Outreach by the Bay	Chris Curwin, NB Centre			
	Social Break				
	Presentation: Eclipse 2024! Be there!	Paul Gray			
	Food for the Soul:	Paul Heath			
	What's Up? (February)	David Hoskin			
	News from the Board	Tony McGrath			
	Astroimaging Contest				
4:00 PM	Adjournment				

\* Times are for Board of Director information only and for informing presenters of the length of their presentations; they will not be published on the Halifax Centre website. Times will be adjusted for each meeting.



Agenda Item, Proposed By, & Date Proposed	Description Received (& Proposed Motion, if Applicable)
Agenda Note #1 re: Speakers & 2024 Member Meeting Dates	<ul> <li>2024 Approved Members Meeting Dates and Events Members' Meeting dates were approved at the November 2023 Board of Directors meeting. They have been posted on the RASC(HC) website. </li> <li>Confirmed Speakers <ul> <li>February 3, 2024</li> <li>Chris Curwin – Outreach by the Bay</li> <li>Paul Gray - Eclipse 2024! Be there!</li> </ul> </li> <li>March 2, 2024 – Ian Short (Student Spectography at the BGO)</li> <li>April 6, 2024 – CANCELLED, eclipse chasing</li> <li>May 4, 2024 – Members' eclipse stories</li> <li>June 1, 2024 – Tiffany Fields (What it's like to be a BGO Astronomy Technician)</li> <li>September 7, 2024 - BBQ in lieu of meeting</li> <li>October 5, 2024 – Luigi Gallo (JAXA's XRISM satellite)</li> <li>November 2, 2024 TBD</li> <li>December 7, 2024 AGM</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Suggested Speakers / Special Presentations:</li> <li>John Badowski</li> <li>Kaja Rotermund (formation of a high-redshift galaxy cluster)</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Dr. Samantha Lawler: New to the U of R and very busy rebuilding the astronomy</li> </ul>
	program. She also has her core research and took on a leadership role in the StarLink
	issues and lobbying the federal government about it. <u>Samantha.Lawler@uregina.ca</u>
	SMU Astronomy and Physics
	Grad students
	Tiffany Fields
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	Rob Thacker
	<u>https://rasc.ca/find-speaker</u>
Agenda Note #2	2024 Approved Board Meeting Dates
re: Approved 2024	February 27
Board of Directors	March 26
Meeting Dates	April 30
<b>g</b>	<ul> <li>May 28</li> </ul>
	June 25 (if required)
	September 3
	October 1
	October 29
	December 3
Agenda Note #3	Received from Tony McGrath (December 27, 2023)
J	1. Develop a solid understanding of the wants and needs of the Halifax RASC
	membership
	<ul> <li>send New Member welcome package to the entire membership</li> <li>set the full membership to complete the supervise</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>ask the full membership to complete the survey</li> </ul>
	2. Implement monthly SCO members and guests observing night
	$\circ$ I have already started talking about this with David H. and John L.
	3. Promote RASC Observing Programs
	<ol><li>New member initiative focused on Universities &amp; NSCC (young people)</li></ol>
	5. Implement SCO Maintenance & Development Plan
	<ul> <li>Maintenance activities need to be accomplished and tracked in a planned</li> </ul>
	fashion to prevent deterioration of the buildings which will lead to bigger
	capital expenses.
	<ul> <li>We should have some "cloud 9" plans for SCO</li> </ul>
	$\circ$ SCO observing equipment should be included in this plan, so that the centre's
	equipment is not only inventoried but receives regular inspection
	and maintenance.
	Of course all of this is at the concept level, and open for discussion and revision.
	Please give this some thought, and I look forward to discussing it with you next week.
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RASC Halifax	
	Halifax RASC Monthly Observing Night
Observing Nights	
	Background
	It was decided at the 28 November Board meeting that we re-instate the monthly observing night
	at SCO. For 2024, they would likely mean 10 events - see table attached.
	In addition to supporting the RASC Halifax goal of promoting RASC Observing Programs, this
	activity would also encourage the use of SCO and to provide an opportunity for members to:
	Socialize
	• Learn
	Bring Guests and introduce to them to amateur astronomy
	This activity could also support the interests of Centre members in the are as of;
	Observing
	Sketching
	Imaging
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	learning exercises, perhaps a night could also include some introductory hands-on learning for members interested in Observing, Sketching and Imaging.

	Open Cluster     Nebula Night					
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		b would be used l Id be welcome to v		run through a pre	eselected list of o	bjects, and all
	RASC Halifax     RASC Halifax	Id be set in advance Website Announce List Monthly Meetings		d as follows;		
	group of 6 or m leader for 1 ob the leaders for sort out among	Factor CO Key-holder att hore experience So serving night. The a specific night. In st themselves who taken, the decisior	CO key-holders, se volunteers wo idividuals could b o will take a parti	each of whom w ould form a group be assigned a sp cular night on a	ould be agreeab that could decid ecific night, or th month-by-month	le to be the de how to assign e group could basis. If this
		r at least 2 weeks				
	Month	Mi'kmaw Moon	Date of New Moon	Date of Member's Night	Alternate	Notes
	January	Punamujuik'us	Thur Jan 11	Fri Jan 12	Sat Jan 13	
	February	Apuknajit	Fri Feb 9	Fri Feb 9	Sat Feb 10	
	March	Siwkewiku's	Sun Mar 10	Fri Mar 8	Sat Mar 9	
	April	Penatmuiku's	Mon Apr 8	Fri Apr 5	Sat 6 Apr	Optional: Eclipse weekend?
	May	Sqoljuiku's	Wed May 8	Fri May 10	Sat May 11	
	June	Nipniku's	Thurs June 6	Fri June 7	Sat June 8	Optional: Astro Twilight?
	July	Peskewiku's	Fri July 5	Fri July 5	Sat July 6	Optional: Astro Twilight?
	August	Kisikewiku's	Sun Aug 4	Fri Aug 2	Sat Aug 3	
	September	Wikumkewiku's	Mon Sept 2	Fri Sept 6	Sat Sept 7	
	October	Wikewiku's	Wed Oct 2	Fri Oct 4	Sat oct 5	
	November	Keptekewiku's	Fri Nov 1	Fri Nov 1	Sat Nov 2	
	December	Kesikewiku's / Kjiku's	Sun Dec 1	Fri Nov 29	Sat Nov 30	
	December	Kesikewiku's / Kjiku's	Mon Dec 30	Fri Dec 27	Sat Dec 28	
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#### Halifax Centre Board of Directors - Minutes of Meeting January 30, 2024 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM held via Zoom - Meeting ID 811 8465 4249

**Present**: Tony McGrath, Judy Black, Gregg Dill, Matt Dyer, David Hoskin, Peter Hurley, John Liddard (joined at 8:00pm), Dave Robertson, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Jaime Whynot

Regrets: Lisa Ann Fanning, John Nangreaves

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Tony called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed members. He asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda, which had been pre-circulated by email by Peter on January 29, 2024. Judy indicated there was no National Council report or any new information for item #4. Tony suggested that we didn't need a financial update at this point. Peter apologized that he had forgotten to include the Auditor's Report with the meeting agenda, so Judy emailed a copy to Board members. Tony indicated there was nothing new with the New Member's Package, it was ready to go out soon, but he had a presentation of results from the recent Members survey for item #8.

#### 240130MN-Mot01

It was moved by David Hoskin and seconded by Gregg Dill to approve the January 30, 2024 RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors meeting agenda, as amended. CARRIED.

The Action List, which was attached to the minutes of the previous meeting, circulated by Peter on January 28, 2024, was reviewed.

From November 29, 2022 Action 9: Open.

From January 10, 2023 Action 10: Open.

From May 2, 2023 Action 4: Open.

#### From September 5, 2023

Action 1: Closed. Tony is working with John L on a SCO maintenance plan and the inventory will be built into that plan. Judy indicated that the Auditor's Report may have an impact on the inventory.

Action 3: Closed. Action 4: Open. Action 5: Open.

From November 28, 2023 Action 1,6-9: Closed.

From January 2, 2024 Action 1-5: Closed. Action 6,7: Open. Action 8,9: Closed. Action 10: Open.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting held on January 2, 2024 had been circulated by email by Peter on January 28, 2024. Judy indicated she hadn't read them. There were no changes.

#### 240130MN-Mot02

It was moved by Dave Robertson and seconded by David Hoskin to approve the January 2, 2024 RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors meeting minutes, as presented. CARRIED. Judy Black abstained because she hadn't read the minutes.

#### **ONGOING ITEMS**

## 2. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Guest Speakers

The agenda for the February 3, 2024 Members meeting was reviewed. Chris Curwin and Paul Gray are confirmed as speakers. Peter confirmed that the meeting room AT101 at SMU has been booked and Judy indicated that Jerry Board of Director Meeting: 30 January 2024 5

Black and Bob Russell have the equipment and procedures in place for a hybrid meeting on Saturday. Judy pointed out that there are no longer any 2024 calendars for sale but there are still copies of *Explore the Universe (EtU) Guide*. David agreed that he would be MC. Judy indicated she would contact Paul Heath to confirm that he had a poem ready for Food for the Soul. She asked if Tony could include notice of the Astroimaging contest in News from the Board. Terms of the contest were reviewed, open to residents of Nova Scotia and no requirement that contestants be a RASC member. We have speakers lined up through October. John Badowski and Dave Chapman were both suggested as speakers for November, and Michael Watson was also suggested, in particular for the AGM, but it was agreed that he was likely too busy. Mary Lou indicated she had not heard from Rob Thacker. Judy offered to contact Samantha Lawler as a speaker.

#### 240130MN-Act01

Judy Black to inquire if Dr. Samantha Lawler of U of Regina was available as a guest speaker for a RASC Halifax Centre Members meeting.

## 5. Financial Update

Tony asked for clarification of several of the recommendations in the Auditor's Report. It was agreed that Tony and Gregg would discuss the recommendations with Dave Chapman.

#### 240130MN-Act02

Tony McGrath and Gregg Dill to discuss the recommendations in the 2022/23 Auditor's Report with Dave Chapman.

Matt indicated that he hadn't received any email regarding the Auditor's Report and there was a brief discussion of issues with the Board email distribution list. Peter emailed the Auditor's Report to Matt. There was no recommendation or action to address the question of distribution issues with the Board list, but this continues to be an ongoing problem.

#### 240130MN-Mot03

It was moved by Judy Black and seconded by Gregg Dill to accept the 2022/23 Auditors Report submitted by Dave Chapman on January 8, 2024. CARRIED.

#### 6. Member Welcome Package

Tony indicated that we were ready to distribute the new Members Welcome package and asked how to go about this. It was agreed that it should go to Members that had joined the Centre in the last several years.

#### 240102MN-Act03

Peter Hurley to discuss with Tony McGrath the specific time period to send the Members Welcome Package to and to send Tony a list of names and email addresses extracted from the Driven database.

Tony asked if there was something he should have received from National office, as the new Centre President. He confirmed that he was subscribed to the RASC Presidents Forum. Judy indicated that this was a source of information to Presidents or that he could email the Executive Director Jenna Hines.

There was discussion of who on the Board needed access to the Driven database and it was agreed that Tony (Pres), Judy (VP), Gregg (Tres), Peter (Sec) and Jerry Black (webmaster) should have access to the database.

#### 240102MN-Act04

Peter Hurley to request through Jenna Hines that Tony McGrath, Judy Black, Gregg Dill, Peter Hurley, and Jerry Black be given access to the Driven database.

#### 7. Education and Public Outreach

David indicated he had received a couple of outreach requests, one from Benjamin Bridge Winery for a presentation to include stargazing at a Valentines-themed fundraising event for the Valley Regional Hospital. He had mentioned it at the last Members meeting and he had received a couple of volunteers. He had arranged that an honorarium be sent to the Centre as a donation. The other was from the Parrsboro Young Naturalists Club for a walk and stargazing. He indicated these activities were all weather-dependent. David reported he had also been contacted by a First Nations group in New Brunswick about eclipse activities and that he had referred them to the RASC NB Centre, which has several eclipse activities advertised, and to the RASC National site.

Judy indicated that she had confirmed with Paul Gray that we could post his eclipse presentation at the Members meeting next Saturday on our Centre website page, similar to the monthly What's Up presentation.

#### 240102MN-Act05

Jerry Black to post the February Members meeting eclipse presentation by Paul Gray on our Centre webpage.

David reported that he had spoken with Tiffany Fields Astronomy Technician at BGO/SMU and Ryan Jameson Director of Science Education at the Discovery Centre about their organization's eclipse plans. He learned unofficially that the NS Dept of Education is planning to distribute eclipse glasses to all grade 8-12 students in the province and that they will be sending information to parents as students will have finished school for the day at the time of the eclipse. SMU plans to have telescopes out for public viewing and have ordered 2,500 eclipse glasses. Tiffany expressed interest in involvement of any interested Centre members who were still going to be in Halifax and of Dalhousie Astronomy Society members. SMU will have good site lines for the eclipse which the Discovery Centre will not at that time of day. RASC National had held a meeting to discuss what activities RASC Centres had planned. He sent a link to the recording of that meeting to Board members for info. Of note, other Centres are charging \$2-3 for a set of eclipse glasses.

There was a discussion of what we should charge for eclipse glasses and how we should distribute the 500 sets we have purchased. There was considerable discussion of this and the logistics of mailing orders and it was agreed that we would sell them to anyone attending our Members Meetings in February and March in person for \$2 each, maximum 10 sets per person. And that we would not mail them out but refer those that wanted to get them by mail to the RASC National e-store. Any glasses surplus to that would be available to us for future outreach events.

Tiffany will let us know more details about SMU plans as they develop, and David and Peter will be meeting with Japna Sidhu-Brar at Discovery Centre next week to learn more about Discovery Centre plans.

#### **RASC Halifax Centre Goals and Objectives**

#### 8. 2024 Goals and Objectives

Tony indicated he had reviewed the results of the online survey and prepared a summary which he presented to the Board (see attached pdf file). We received responses from 74 members, approximately 47% of the current membership, so the results should be representative of the membership. The Centre is composed of 19% who have been members for less than 2 years, 44% between 2 and 10 years and 36% have been members for greater than 10 years. Tony felt that we needed to focus on the members less than 2 years. Twenty % of the membership feel they are beginners in astronomy, 50% are intermediate and 30% are advanced. Tony felt we should concentrate on reaching the beginners.

Twenty-seven % of respondents indicated they were interested in actively participating in activities, 40% might be interested and 33% were not interested. Tony felt we should make it easy for members to be able to volunteer. Twenty-two percent were interested in volunteering, 65% were not interested, 12% wanted more information and no one expressed interest in a leadership role. Respondents indicated they had heard of the RASC primarily by online search or word-of-mouth.

When asked why they had joined RASC, 26% indicated it was to meet like-minded individuals while about the same proportions indicated they wanted to learn about astronomy or telescopes, surprisingly only 16% were interested in learning about astroimaging, and 7% were interested in learning about space and new discoveries. This suggests there is a strong interest in the social aspect of being a member. Thirty-nine % indicated that visual observing was a priority of interest, 19% indicated astroimaging was a priority, and decreasing proportions were interested in cosmology, space missions, planetary science and only 8% were interested in history and mythology.

When asked about expectations, 26% expected opportunities to observe and another 23% expected to go to SCO and on field trips, 24% expected social events, and 14% expected workshops, education sessions, group discussions and research, and 13% expected guest lecturers. Judy asked for clarification of education sessions vs guest lecturers. Peter expressed interest in the number that were interested in participating in research or learning about research and Tony indicated it was the former.

Sixty-four % indicated the Members meetings were at a convenient time. When we discussed meeting at other times or days, there was a question of whether the SMU Atrium 101 would still be available. Comments suggested that some thought meetings were too long or more likely that the presentations were too long, that more Science content was wanted, and that the meeting format should be re-visited or varied. There was interest in mini-talks by the members. There were strong indications that the social aspect of Members meetings was very important. Both Judy and Peter reported having seen in old copies of Nova Notes that in the past there would often be short presentations by members, and there was a brief discussion of the difficulty of finding members now that would be interested in making a presentation and that it might take some work to change that. Tony suggested that finding those members willing and interested was the job of the Board. It was suggested that the caliber of many of our guest speakers has made members shy about presenting. Judy suggested that the May meeting where we are giving members an

opportunity to talk about their eclipse experience would be a good opportunity to gauge the membership.

Judy asked how participation in workshops would happen when at present approximately half of our meeting attendance is via Zoom. Gregg asked why members choose to attend meetings by Zoom, aside from COVID-concerns or distance. Tea and telescopes was suggested as an option. And to experiment with a few meetings with increased time to socialize. Judy suggested that Tony could ask through the Presidents Forum how other Centres conducted their meetings. It was expressed that these results showed the importance of re-establishing regular Members observing nights at SCO, and it was suggested that we should explore making use of other sites closer to HRM such as York Redout and DeWolfe Park for outreach.

When asked in the survey for suggestions for future activities, re-establishing Member observing nights at SCO was at the top of the list, also mentoring new members, mentoring RASC observing programs, workshops, and opportunities for remote members to be active in their communities. Recurring comments from the survey were SCO access, welcoming and mentoring of new members, lack of opportunities to socialize, lack of public outreach opportunities, a need for more young members and encouraging diversity in the membership. A suggestion was that we should increase opportunities for women to participate such as a women's observing nights at SCO.

Tony thought our next step should be to form a small group to plan actions to follow-up on suggestions from the survey. He suggested that Board members interested in working on these actions contact him to indicate their interest.

Peter indicated that he was making some progress learning how to extract data from the Driven membership database. He had discovered that in the last year the Centre had gained 43 new members but lost 78 members, most of whom had only been members for one or two years. While some of that might be related to increased interest during COVID, he concluded those numbers supported the need for us to focus on retention of members, particularly new members.

#### Updates/Reports

#### 9. SCO

John indicated he had spoken with Harden Wile about impromptu requests to leave the gate open and Harden indicated he would like one day advance notice. John reported he had obtained a new weatherproof combination lock for our wire gate across the driveway into the observatory that he would set to the same code as the lockbox in the warm room (and the lockbox for the key to the Minas gate). He wanted to send an email to current SCO keyholders to let them know of this change. He had received the list of keyholders from Judy, but he wasn't sure who on the list were current members.

#### 240102MN-Act06

Peter Hurley to compare the SCO keyholder list with the membership database and let John Liddard know who on the list were still members.

John indicated that he and Tony had been discussing a maintenance plan for SCO and that they hoped to have a plan together by the end of February.

Peter asked John if he could ask Harden if the lockbox for the Minas gate could be moved from its present location to a location near the gate. He tried to describe a location suggested by Jerry Black that he and David he checked out.

#### 240102MN-Act07

John Liddard to ask Harden Wile about re-locating the lockbox for the key to the Minas gate lock to a location adjacent to the gate.

Tony described a situation he observed at the SCO Members observing night in January where there were so many red lights on site and asked if there could be some red light etiquette or guidelines established for SCO. He had also observed that with so many imagers set up inside the roll-off, that it was difficult to use the 16" Dob. Judy suggested that he consult with some astroimagers and other users of SCO first.

#### 10. GLP certificates and training

Judy indicated we needed to set some dates for GLP training, that she had received a few inquiries. She suggested quarterly sessions and we could advertise the dates in advance. Peter indicated that he had been reviewing the training material and he proposed that he train Tony and/or David one-on-one so that he and they could get a better feel for how a training session would go. Tony indicated that he would like that to happen before the next SCO Members observing night. Judy cautioned that some care needed to be exercised when GLPs were used at SCO when there were imagers on site. Judy suggested an arrangement similar to Nova East where there are time limits

set when GLPs can be used. Judy indicated that there was a member in Annapolis Royal who had contacted her requesting GLP training several times. Peter asked if we could use Zoom for the training as had been the case with the original training by Dennis Lyons. Judy indicated that we would need to set up polls in Zoom to administer the exam using Zoom.

#### Adjournment

There being no other business, Tony adjourned the meeting at 9:13pm. He reminded us that our next meeting was scheduled for February 26, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Hurley, Secretary

# ACTION LIST (January 30, 2024):



From November 29,	2022	
221129MN-Act09	<b>Peter Hurley</b> to put amendment of Bylaw #1 to include use of social media to hold meetings on a future he Board meeting agenda (not January 3, 2023).	Open
From January 10, 20	23	
230110MN-Act10	<b>Peter Hurley</b> to work with David Hoskin to create a list of volunteers to help with observing and outreach requests that are remote to the HRM area.	Open
From May 2, 2023		
230502MN-Act04	<b>Peter Hurley</b> to explore with National office how member statistics are generated from the Driven database.	Open
From September 5, 2	2023	
230905MN-Act01	Gregg Dill and John Liddard to review SCO inventory and confirm items still exist and assign value to assets.	Open
230905MN-Act04	Gregg Dill to provide an update on SCO upgrade fundraising budget.	Open
230905MN-Act05	The Governance Committee to provide a recommendation to the Board regarding retention and disposal of historical documents.	Open
From January 2, 202		
240102MN-Act06	John Liddard to purchase a Master weatherproof combination lock for the SCO driveway gate.	Open
240102MN-Act07	<b>John Liddard</b> to discuss with Harden Wile the procedure for dealing with the lock on the new Minas Energy gate on both scheduled SCO Members observing nights and unscheduled observing nights.	Open
240102MN-Act010	<b>Peter Hurley</b> and <b>Tony McGrath</b> to put together a proposal how to proceed with training and certifying other members for GLP use.	Open
From January 30, 20	24	
240130MN-Act01	<b>Judy Black</b> to inquire if Dr. Samantha Lawler of U of Regina was available as a guest speaker for a RASC Halifax Centre Members meeting.	Open
240130MN-Act02	<b>Tony McGrath</b> and <b>Gregg Dill</b> to discuss the recommendations in the 2022/23 Auditor's Report with Dave Chapman.	Open
240130MN-Act03	<b>Peter Hurley</b> to discuss with Tony McGrath the specific time period to send the Members Welcome Package to and to send Tony a list of names and email addresses	Open

	extracted from the Driven database.	
240130MN-Act04	<b>Peter Hurley</b> to request through Jenna Hines that Tony McGrath, Judy Black, Gregg Dill, Peter Hurley and Jerry Black be given access to the Driven database.	Open
240130MN-Act05	<b>Jerry Black</b> to post the February Members meeting eclipse presentation by Paul Gray on our Centre webpage.	Open
240130MN-Act06	<b>Peter Hurley</b> to compare the SCO keyholder list with the membership database and let John Liddard know who on the list were still members.	Open
240130MN-Act07	<b>John Liddard</b> to ask Harden Wile about re-locating the lockbox for the key to the Minas gate lock to a location adjacent to the gate.	Open

# MOTION LIST (January 30, 2024):

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240130MN-Mot01	It was moved by David Hoskin and seconded by Gregg Dill to approve the January 30, 2024 RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors meeting agenda, as amended. CARRIED
220130MN-Mot02	It was moved by Dave Robertson and seconded by David Hoskin to approve the January 2, 2024 RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors meeting minutes, as presented. CARRIED. Judy Black abstained because she hadn't read the minutes.
220130MN-Mot03	It was moved by Judy Black and seconded by Gregg Dill to accept the 2022/23 Auditors Report submitted by Dave Chapman on January 8, 2024. CARRIED.

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