



RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors – Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2020: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Via Zoom - Meeting ID 910 3107 7644

Agenda Items				
Time	Item	Purpose	Responsibility	Support Documents
6:00	1. Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Agenda Review Action List Approval of Previous Minutes of Meeting 	Information Approval	Judy Black	Minutes pre-circulated: September 3, 2020 September 10, 2020 Agenda pre-circulated
ONGOING ITEMS				
	2. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Guest Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2020 Meeting date confirmation b. Guest Speakers & Ideas for Future Presentations c. OH Presentations 	Ongoing Discussion	Judy Black	<i>Refer to Agenda Note #1</i>
	3. Report from National Representative	Information Discussion	Patrick Kelly	n/a
	4. Outreach / Inreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach requests (if applicable) InOMN (International Observe the Moon Night) 	Discussion	Paul Heath Judy Black Peter Hurley	<i>All in-person Outreach is cancelled; virtual sessions only</i>
	5. RASC Halifax Centre Website	Information Discussion	Judy Black	n/a
	6. Financial Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update: September Financial Report 	Discussion	Gregg Dill	n/a
UPDATES / REPORTS				
	7. SCO Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Poll results re Electrical upgrade b. Call for Members' Meeting on Requisition c. Offer from John Higgins 	Information Discussion Decision	Judy Black	a) <i>Agenda Note #2</i> b) <i>Agenda Note #3</i> c) <i>Agenda Note #4</i>
	8. Update: <i>The Discovery Centre</i>	Discussion Information	Peter Hurley Wayne Harasimovitch	n/a
	9. Report: Binocular Flyer	Discussion Decision	Pat Kelly	n/a
	10. Nomination Committee Formation	Discussion Decision	Judy Black	<i>Agenda Note #5</i>
	11. Update: Astroimaging Contest	Discussion Decision	Judy Black	<i>Agenda Note #6</i>
	12. Update: RASC Calendars	Information	Judy Black	n/a
NEW BUSINESS				
	13. Status: Halifax Centre Priority Setting	Discussion Decision	Judy Black	n/a

DEFERRED				
	14. Update: Halifax Centre Business Cards	Discussion Decision	Wayne Harasimovitch	n/a
	15. Communications Strategy	Discussion Decision	Judy Black	No meetings have been scheduled
8:00 PM	Adjournment			

RASC, Halifax Centre Members' Meeting
 Saturday, October 3, 2020: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 Via Zoom - Webinar ID 886 1020 6409

Agenda Items			
Time	Item	Purpose	Responsibility
1:00 PM	1. Welcome & Introductions Photo Montage	Information	Judy Black Paul Gray
	2. Outreach Opportunities • Food for the Soul	Information	Paul Heath
	3. News from the Board	Information	Judy Black
	4. What's Up?	Information	Dave Chapman
	5. Astroimaging Contest Winners	Information	Judy Black (or alternate)
	6. Presentation:	Presentation	
	7. Youth Activity	Activity	Paul Heath
	8. Special Presentation: Lauchie Scott A Snapshot of DRDC Space Situational Awareness Research and Development	Presentation	Lauchie Scott
4:00 PM	9. Adjournment		

SMU Reservation / Zoom Reservations*

At this time SMU is not in the position to offer meeting facilities in the Fall to external clients and will advise when the situation changes.

Meeting Dates	Executive Meeting			Member Meeting		
	Rm #	Time Booked with SMU	Actual Meeting Time (PM)	Rm #	Time Booked with SMU	Actual Meeting Time
Zoom Members Meetings (in RASC Zoom Account)						
September 12/20: Booked as 3.5-hour, Webinar ID 708-618-956						
October 3/20: Booked as 3.5-hour webinar, Webinar ID 886-1020-6409						
November 7: Booked as 3.5-hour webinar, Webinar ID 891-3105-6268						
December 5: Booked as 3.0-hour webinar, Webinar ID 872-2438-8991						
Zoom Board Meetings (in Halifax Centre Zoom Account)						
Sept 24/20: Booked as 2-hour meeting, Meeting ID 910 3107 7644						
Oct 29/20: Booked as 2-hour meeting, Meeting ID 983 1355 0710						
Nov 26/20: Booked as 2-hour meeting, Meeting ID 927 7855 3222						

* Halifax Centre presentations will be booked on Zoom:

- a) Members Meetings on the national RASC webinar account
- b) Board Meetings on the Halifax Centre meeting account
- c) Nova East Speaker Series on the Halifax Centre meeting account

**Halifax Centre Board of Directors - Minutes of Meeting
October 24, 2020 - 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
held via Zoom (Meeting ID# 910 3107 7644)**

Present: Judy Black, Peter Hurley, Pat Kelly, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Matt Dyer, Wayne Harasimovitch, Gregg Dill, Paul Heath (joined meeting at 7:45), David Hoskin (joined meeting at 8pm)

Regrets: Tom Crosman, John Liddard, Paul Gray

1. Welcome & Introductions

Judy Black called the meeting to order at 7:07pm, when a quorum had joined the Zoom meeting, and welcomed members. She apologized that neither she nor Peter had sent out a Zoom meeting invite. The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes or additions were requested.

200924MN-Mot01

It was moved by Pat Kelly and seconded by Wayne Harasimovitch to approve the September 24, 2020 Board of Directors meeting agenda, as presented.
CARRIED.

The Action Lists were reviewed.

From January 2020

Action 5: Open.

From February 2020

Actions 6: Closed.

From April 16, 2020

Action 9: Closed. A draft was sent to Board members for review.

From May 21, 2020

Action 5: Open.

Action15: Open.

From June 18, 2020

Action 7: Closed.

From September 3, 2020

Action 1: Closed.

Action 2: Closed. Meeting was held September 10, 2020.

Actions 3-5: Closed.

Action 6: Open. Once payment is received by Gregg Dill, Wayne Harasimovitch will mail calendars.

From September 10, 2020 (Special Meeting)

Action 1: Open. Gregg Dill phoned the insurance company but hadn't heard back.

Action 2: Closed. Judy Black spoke with Roy Bishop first. John Woods is waiting to hear back from us in November.

Action 3: Closed.

Action 4: Open. John Liddard contacted the electrician but hasn't received a quote yet.

Action 5: Open

The minutes of the September 3, 2020 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. Pat Kelly had provided edits by email.

200924MN-Mot02

It was moved by Pat Kelly and seconded by Wayne Harasimovitch to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Board of Directors meeting as amended.
CARRIED.

The minutes of the September 10, 2020 Special meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss improvements to SCO were reviewed. Pat Kelly had provided edits by email. Gregg asked about the items on the wish list that hadn't been discussed at the meeting, and it was explained that the list was just being presented for information, that there was no request for funds associated with those items at this time.

200924MN-Mot03

It was moved by Wayne Harasimovitch and seconded by Pat Kelly to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 special Board of Directors meeting as amended.
CARRIED.

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ONGOING ITEMS

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Guest Speakers

a) 2020 Meeting date confirmation

Meeting dates for the remainder of the year were provided in Agenda Note #1. There has been no change in the situation at SMU regarding use of meeting facilities.

b) Guest Speakers and Ideas for Future Presentations

Scott Lauchie is scheduled as guest speaker for the October Members' meeting and Glenn Roberts is scheduled for the November meeting. There was a suggestion that Paul Gray could make a presentation at the December meeting on how to use the RASC Calendar.

200924MN-Act01

Judy Black to ask Paul Gray to make a presentation at the December Members' meeting on how to use the RASC Calendar.

The National Education and Outreach Committee had suggested that Centres should look at other Centre speakers to see if there was someone that they could also get to speak at their meetings.

c) OH Presentations

Although there will be no further Observer Handbook presentations, there could still be special presentations on topics such as the Explore The Universe Guide and the new EtU workbook or SkyWays. It was agreed that we would use the new video prepared by Tony Schellinck for International Observe the Moon Night on how to observe the moon in place of a presentation.

3. Report from National Council Representative

Pat Kelly had emailed a report of the National Council meeting held on September 20, 2020 to the Halifax Centre Board on September 23, 2020 and he provided a summary to the meeting. There are 2 openings of the National Board. And the National Board is looking for suggestions from the Centres for Council Reps. They are also looking for input on the National bylaws. There was also discussion about expelling members and some discussion at our meeting followed.

200924MN-Act02

Pat Kelly to contact Mike Watson to get clarification regarding expelling National and Centre members.

National Education and Outreach Committee had discussed ways that larger Centres could share resources with smaller centres, help with Zoom, and speakers. The Green Laser Pointer agreement with Transport Canada had been renewed for 1 year (Judy Black sent comments and proposed changes to National on this). The Fraser River Astronomy Society is expected to be approved as a RASC Centre. National fundraising activities have raised \$270K to date

4. Outreach / Inreach

Paul Heath indicated that he had received no requests for outreach from groups and that he was working with *Grow with Us* in Preston on an Explore the Universe activity.

There has been activity to organize an International Observe the Moon Night activity. A Zoom virtual Lunar Observing session has been planned for 8pm September 26, 2020 with Judy Black hosting, Dave Chapman narrating and navigating, and Jerry Black and Blair MacDonald livecasting real time images from their telescopes to the Zoom meeting. This has been posted on the RASC Halifax Centre Announce list and the Outreach webpage and will be posted on the Astronomy Nova Scotia website and the Discovery Centre media pages.

5. RASC-Halifax Centre Website

Judy Black reported that the website was up to date.

6. Financial Update

Gregg Dill had emailed a budget update to the Halifax Centre Board on September 23. He used Zoom to share his computer screen to facilitate reviewing this budget. There was a question about the cost of calendars and discussion that income from membership fees was down. Gregg asked a question about Life memberships.

200924MN-Act03

Gregg Dill to contact Renata at National office and enquire how life membership income is handled.

There was also discussion about income from Nova East and how cancellation had affected the budget. Gregg suggested that the Centre Zoom expenses be included under Merchandise. There were several invoices outstanding and Gregg asked that these be forwarded to him soon. It was agreed that Gregg would draft a new budget for the November meeting and that it would be added to the agenda.

200924MN-Act04

Gregg Dill to circulate draft budget before November meeting.

UPDATES / REPORTS

7. SCO Status

a) Poll results re: Electrical upgrade

Judy Black referred the Board to Agenda Note #2. As of the meeting, 37 yes votes, 1 no vote received, so very strong support.

b) Call for Members' Meeting on Requisition (MMoR)

Judy Black referred the Board to Agenda Note #3. Judy Black reviewed the timelines. The earliest date that a meeting could be held would be October 24, 2020 if Judy sent an announcement out tonight. A Centre Board meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2020. Five members don't have email addresses so Pat will mail out a letter dated today, by regular mail not expedited.

200924MN-Mot04

It was moved by Paul Heath and seconded by David Hoskin that a Members' meeting on requisition be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020 to acquire approval of the SCO electrical upgrade.
CARRIED unanimously.

200924MN-Act05

Judy Black to send out an announcement of the Members' Meeting of Requisition (MMoR) tonight on the Halifax Centre Announce list and send a letter to Pat.

200924MN-Act06

Pat Kelly to mail letters via regular post to those members who have not provided email addresses to RASC.

Questions from the poll were reviewed. Answers will be needed for these.

200924MN-Act07

Judy Black to contact Roy Bishop to confirm the long-term cost of power usage.

The agenda for the MMoR meeting was discussed: answer questions from poll, history of SCO and how funds were raised initially. There was a question whether we would be able to say at the meeting that some funds had already been committed. We will be able to provide receipts to contributors but not tax receipts. A line object for the project should be added to the budget. The communication announcement the MMoR should cite the appropriate Bylaw and request questions to be answered at the MMoR. We should send a receipt and thank you note to contributors.

d) Offer from John Higgins

Judy Black referred the Board to Agenda Note #4 regarding proposal from John Higgins to donate a Sky-Shed Pod to SCO. There was considerable discussion of the pros and cons of the offer; there was general agreement that it wouldn't be an appropriate addition to SCO and that we should offer to help the owner sell the Pod by advertising it on the Halifax Centre Announce list.

200924MN-Act08

Judy Black to contact John Higgins with a negative response indicating the reasons why the Board felt the Pod wasn't an appropriate addition to SCO and with an offer to post an ad on the Halifax Centre Announce list.

8. Update: The Discovery Centre

Wayne Harasimovitch and Peter Hurley updated the Board on plans for Centre Astronomy activities at the Discovery Centre on September 26/27. Response from the membership has been low and they asked Board members to consider volunteering some time on the weekend. Activities will likely be reduced from the original plan but will include a display of cameras and trackers, binoculars and telescopes; an information desk plus posters and brochures and star finders; and a large screen monitor showing a slide show of members' astroimages and another monitor showing members' videos.

9. Report: Binocular Flyer

Pat Kelly had previously circulated a draft of the flyer on September 24, 2020.

200924MN-Act09

Board members to send comments to Pat Kelly on draft binocular flyer by October 8.

10. Nomination Committee Formation

Judy Black referred the Board to Agenda Note #5. Board members need to let Judy know their intent to stay or be re-appointed to the Board by September 30, 2020. During the discussion of requirements for the VP position, Pat Kelly volunteered to serve.

200924MN-Act10

Board members to indicate to Judy Black their intent to stay or be re-appointed to the Board by September 30, 2020.

200924MN-Act11

Judy Black to call Tom Crosman to discuss whether he will be able to attend meetings in the future.

200924MN-Act12

Judy Black to call Chris Young and Dave Chapman to enquire if they will serve on the Nomination Committee.

200924MN-Act13

Gregg Dill to ask Ian Anderson if he will serve as Auditor.

200924MN-Act14

Judy Black to send list of openings on the Board to the Halifax Centre Announce list.

11. Update: Astroimaging Contest

Judy Black referred the Board to Agenda Note #6. Atlantic Photo Supply came through again. Blair has agreed to announce and present the prices at the Member’s meeting on October 3, 2020. It was agreed that the Peoples’ Choice price should be a \$50 APS gift certificate.

200924MN-Act15

Judy Black to get \$50 gift certificate from Atlantic Photo Supply.

12. Update: RASC Calendars

There was considerable discussion around the cost of the calendars and the cost of mailing them. It was ultimately agreed to sell the calendars for \$25 with shipping and handling included. Orders from the US would be for \$25USD. Judy Black will pick up the calendars from the printer and Wayne Harasimovitch will pick them up from her. And he will mail them out when Gregg Dill confirms payment has been received. Gregg agreed to accept e-transfer payments to treasurer@halifax.rasc.ca in addition to payment by cheque. It was agreed that receipts weren’t necessary.

200924MN-Act16

Judy Black to send out a notice to the Halifax Centre Announce list on September 30, 2020 regarding availability of calendars and the cost and payment options.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Status: Halifax Centre Priority Setting

Judy Black suggested that the Board had enough on their plates at the moment and that we postpone action until February or March 2021 when we would have a new Board and the situation with COVID-19 might have changed.

DEFERRED

Items 14 and 15 were deferred.

Adjournment

Judy Black adjourned the meeting.
Adjournment at 9:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Hurley, Secretary

ACTION LIST (as of September 24, 2020):

<i>From January 2020</i>		
200111MN-Act05	Gregg Dill and John Liddard will establish the value of capital equipment when the inventory is complete.	Open
<i>From May 21, 2020</i>		
200521MN-Act05	Judy Black to contact Luigi Gallo to explore if he or his graduate students would be interested in speaking.	Open
200521MN-Act015	John Liddard to obtain price quotes from 3 electricians once the electrical	Open

	requirements for SCO are determined.	
<i>From September 3, 2020</i>		
200903MN-Act06	Wayne Harasimovitch will package and mail calendars as orders are received from Gregg Dill.	Open
<i>From September 10, 2020</i>		
200910MN-Act01	Gregg Dill will contact the insurance company to determine a possible change to the cost of insurance.	Open
200910MN-Act04	John Liddard will contact the electrician to determine if any progress towards providing a quote has been made.	Open
200910MN-Act05	John Liddard and Paul Gray will test whether a small jack hammer can handle digging a trench to the required 14 inches depth.	Open
<i>From September 24, 2020</i>		
200924MN-Act01	Judy Black to ask Paul Gray to make a presentation at the December Members' meeting on how to use the RASC Calendar.	Open
200924MN-Act02	Pat Kelly to contact Mike Watson ?? to get clarification regarding expelling National and Centre members.	Open
200924MN-Act03	Gregg Dill to contact Renata a National office and enquire how life membership income is handled.	Open
200924MN-Act04	Gregg Dill to circulate draft budget before November meeting.	Open
200924MN-Act05	Judy Black to send out an announcement of the Members' Meeting of Requisition (MMoR) tonight on the Halifax Centre Announce list and send a letter to Pat.	Open
200924MN-Act06	Pat Kelly to mail letters via regular post to those members who have not provided email addresses to RASC.	
200924MN-Act07	Judy Black to contact Roy Bishop to confirm the long-term cost of power usage.	Open
200924MN-Act08	Judy Black to contact John Higgins with a negative response indicating the reasons why the Board felt the Pod wasn't an appropriate addition to SCO and with an offer to post an ad on the Halifax Centre Announce list.	
200924MN-Act09	Board members to send comments to Pat Kelly on draft binocular flyer by October 8.	
200924MN-Act10	Board members to indicate to Judy Black their intent to stay or be re-appointed to the Board by September 30, 2020.	
200924MN-Act011	Judy Black to call Tom Crosman to discuss whether he will be able to attend meetings in the future.	
200924MN-Act012	Judy Black to call Chris Young and Dave Chapman to enquire if they will serve on the Nomination Committee.	
200924MN-Act013	Gregg Dill to ask Ian Anderson if he will serve as Auditor.	
200924MN-Act014	Judy Black to send list of openings on the Board to the Halifax Centre Announce list.	
200924MN-Act015	Judy Black to get \$50 gift certificate from Atlantic Photo Supply.	

200924MN-Act016	Judy Black to send out a notice to the Halifax Centre Announce list on September 30, 2020 regarding availability of calendars and the cost and payment options.	
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MOTION LIST (September 24, 2020):

200924MN-Mot01	It was moved by Pat Kelly and seconded by Wayne Harasimovitch to approve the September 24, 2020 Board of Directors meeting agenda, as presented. CARRIED.
200924MN-Mot02	It was moved by Pat Kelly and seconded by Wayne Harasimovitch to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Board of Directors meeting as amended. CARRIED.
200924MN-Mot03	It was moved by Wayne Harasimovitch and seconded by Pat Kelly to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 special Board of Directors meeting as amended. CARRIED.
200924MN-Mot04	It was moved by Paul Heath and seconded by David Hoskin that a Members' meeting on requisition be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020 to acquire approval of the SCO electrical upgrade. CARRIED unanimously.

AGENDA NOTES

Agenda Item, Proposed By, & Date Proposed	Description Received (& Proposed Motion, if Applicable)
<i>Agenda Note #1 re Item #2: 2020 Approved Meeting Dates and Events</i>	<p>2020 Approved Members Meeting Dates and Events (<i>Note</i>: A low-key Kejimikujik Fall for the Stars is slated for Sept 19-21. DSW is cancelled due to logistics of Park access.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 3 – Scott Lauchie (“A Snapshot of DRDC Space Situational Awareness Research and Development”) ○ November 7 – Glenn Roberts (Chronicle Herald) ○ December 5 (AGM) <p>Suggested Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Luigi Gallo re: use of students in a specific month of the year for presentations • Representative for Canso Spaceport • Subject to address: Great Debate of Shapley & Curtis – 100 years later: the true nature of the cosmos as we know it
<i>Agenda Note #2 re Item 7a: Poll re SCO Upgrade</i>	<p>Poll Summary (as of Sept 22): Yes: 30 (96.77%) No: 1 (3.23%)</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Sept 15: 1. I support this.</p> <p>Sept 16: 2. Still haven't had SCO opportunity but think proposal is the right one; we all need electricity. Thanks... 3. Definitely the time to do an upgrade. Congrats to members on this committee for their hard work and good upgrade choices. 4. Very positive step for the Halifax Centre 5. Great idea! 6. Fully support this opportunity for the SCO. May entice more members to use the facility knowing there is a reliable source of power for their equipment</p> <p>Sept 17: 7. Long overdue and worth the investment of Centre and funds donated by members.</p>

	<p>8. As outlined in the email, I feel that this is an excellent opportunity to go ahead with what will be a great upgrade, and the additional usefulness this will give to the observatory.</p> <p>Questions Raised</p> <p>Sept 15:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seems like a very large amount of money especially if the membership is to come up with the rest. As well, you stated the pile might be donated but you included the cost in the total...why is that? <p>Sept 16:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. What is the estimate of the future annual costs of electrification? <p>Sept 17:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Strongly support prop. 90%. Would like to look at 2020s financials, also: Does SCO use promise growth or are we fattening up a white elephant? Could poss. commit mid hundreds \$.
<p>Agenda Note #3 re Item 7b: Poll re SCO Upgrade</p>	<p>Requirements for Members' Meeting on Requisition (from Bylaw #1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Upon request by the Chair, a majority of the directors, or by requisition in writing signed by at least 10 voting members of the Centre, the President shall call a meeting of the Centre to consider the business specified and at such a place as is named in the requisition. . Members notified at least 30 days before the date of such meeting. (30 days = Sat., Oct 24) . Presided over by the President or by his/her designate . Every member <i>present personally</i> shall have one vote and no more. . Where there is an equality of votes, the Chair will have a second and deciding vote. . The non-receipt of notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings. . Quorum = 15 members who are present in person or by proxy. . If the meeting is convened and quorum is not met within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, it shall be adjourned to such time and place as a majority of members shall decide.
<p>Agenda Note #4 re Item 7c: Offer from John Higgins</p>	<p>John Higgins, member for past 14 years, has offered to donate his Sky-Shed Pod to the Centre for use at SCO. Because he uses a smaller telescope or binoculars and wants to use this space for other purposes, he wants to give it to a group that make use of it.</p> <p>This offer would include the 10-year-old dome with 3 bins, the wood deck (~10'x10') to which it is currently bolted down, and the central pier. The pier has extensions on it and will hold either type of mount. The 2-piece dome can be moved position on the base and be folded down. Interior height 8 feet, exterior diameter of 7.5 feet, and knee wall is 48.25". The structure is insulated and has 2 outlets. He has the paper plans for assembly that includes the exact measurements; he will send separately.</p> <p>John suggested we could make arrangements to view it before making a decision, if we wish. It will need to be picked up. He will help to disassemble it.</p> <div data-bbox="407 1339 1433 1591"> </div>
<p>Agenda Note #5 re Nomination Committee Formation</p>	<p>Every year, up to 3 Halifax Centre members (with the President as an <i>ex officio</i> member) must comprise a Nominating Committee (<i>Policy B2: Terms of Reference – Ordinary Committees of RASC Halifax Centre</i>). The requirement of a call nominations by October 1 was met with the announcement at the September 24 members' meeting.</p> <p>Needed ASAP: 1-3 Halifax Centre Members for the Committee</p> <p>Board Members to consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you consider being a member of the Nominating Committee, or can you recommend someone from our Centre to be recruited for this role?

	<p>2. Will you re-offer to sit on the RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors for the calendar year 20 21? <i>Your answer is requested by the President by October 30, 2020.</i></p> <p><u>Board Composition</u></p> <p>President: Judy Black (re-offering to run in 2021) (Served 1 of 3 years) Vice-President Paul Gray (stepping down as of December 31, 2020) (Served 1 of 3 years) Secretary Peter Hurley (Served 1 of 5 years) Treasurer Gregg Dill (Served 1 of 5 years)</p> <p>Directors Tom Crosman (served 1 year) (can serve Matt Dyer (served 1 year) up to 10 years) Wayne Harasimovitch (served 1 year) Paul Heath (served 3 years) David Hoskin (served 1 years) Patrick Kelly (served 3 years)</p> <p><u>Appointed</u></p> <p>Honorary President Mary Lou Whitehorne (until December 2023) Auditor Ian Anderson</p> <p>National Council Rep Pat Kelly (Stepping down) (served > 5 years) Nova Notes Editor Charles White (stepping down as of December 31/20) (served 3 of 5 years)</p> <p>Observing Chair Dave Chapman (served 1 of 5 years) Outreach Chair Paul Heath (served 3 years) Librarian Wayne Harasimovitch (served 1 of 5 years) SCO Manager John Liddard (served 1 of 5 years)</p>
<p><i>Agenda Note #6 re Update: Astroimaging Contest</i></p>	<p>Contest Particulars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . The deadline for contest submission was midnight September 18, 2020. . 34 submissions received: 5 Solar System, 11 Deep-Sky, 18 Wide Field . Photos posted on NE Contest page (https://novaeast.rasc.ca/index.php/contest#peopleschoiceaward) . Photos plus adjudicator sheets sent to Blair MacDonald, Mary Lou Whitehorne, Ian Corbett . Announce List: Halifax centre Members notified of People’s Choice Award voting mechanism via SurveyMonkey . Winners of 3 categories plus People’s Choice will be announced at Members’ meeting of October 3, 2020 <p>Prizes for 3 Categories (Atlantic Photo Supply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . APS will provide 16”x24” wrap-canvas reprint (Value \$144.99 +HST) of winning photo in each of the 3 categories (https://www.atlanticphotosupply.com/photos-canvas-prints-canada) . Winners’ names and email addresses will be forwarded to Allen Sutherland; he will email them the congratulatory letter with directions on how to get their photo printed. There will be a 1-year expiry date. <p>Prizes for People’s Choice Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . RASC Halifax Centre to provide \$50.00 gift card from APS. Should this be increased to \$75.00? . Should there be a motion for this expenditure?