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leading up to and the purchase of the observatory.

Frank Shepley explained the raffle tickets and prizes.

Susan made mention of light pollution issues that will need to be addressed shortly. More information will be forth coming.

Frank Shepley introduced 2 new members, Mark Fex and John Welsh from San Francisco and after some absence, a returning member, Fred Krause.

50/50 draw was won by Alan DesRosiers: \$17.50.

Thanks to Tom Sharron for preparing the Coffee & Hot Chocolate for the brake.

Short Talk Series - Susan Sawyer-Beaulieu

Susan showed overheads of information on upcoming Star Party events taking place within a days drive. Supplied also were contact names & numbers for each event. Susan explained also on how to plan for attending a star party and what to expect. Some flyers were made available for "The Great Manitou" Star Party for anyone who may wish to attend.

Steve Mastellotto - on "Occultation of Venus"

To begin with an explanation of what an occultation consists of. On July 17th, 2001, 2:22 p.m. in the afternoon in the west. Steve told of the upcoming event and gave an explanation and overhead presentation of what to look for. Slide images were also shown of past similar events.

Due to approaching bad weather the meeting was adjourned early to give the membership the opportunity to get home in a safe and timely manner.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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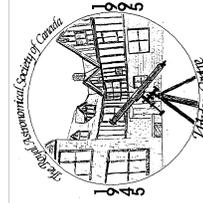
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Next Meeting

Tuesday October 16, 2001
8:00 p.m.

at

St. Stephen's Church
Howard Road, 1.4 kms. South of
Highway #3

Speaker: Rev. Harry Brydon

Topic: "Strings and Things"

Upcoming Events

Zodiacal Light: Look for the Zodiacal Light in the morning sky just before the start of morning twilight for the last two weeks of September and October.

Autumnal Equinox: Fall begins on September 22 at 7:04 p.m.

Council Meeting: Tuesday October 9 at Tim Bennett's house. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Raffle Drawing: Tuesday October 16 at 9:00 p.m. during our regular membership meeting.

Public Observing Night: Saturday October 20 at Malden Road and Forest Glade Parks.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 19th, 2001

President - Randy Groundwater called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Randy thanked everyone in attendance for coming out for the June meeting. President asked the membership to review the minutes from the May 15th, 2001 general meeting.

Motion #1, 06-19-2001. Henry Lee put forth a motion to accept the minutes of May 15th, 2001 meeting as printed in the newsletter. Steven LeBouef seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

Secretary - Joady Ulrich

Joady told briefly about the 4th Annual Great Manitou Star Party 2001.

Librarian - Tom Sharron

Library is open all summer, just give me a call, if I'm not there please leave a message. Does anyone know Daniel Wells, I am trying to locate borrowed equipment.

Director of Education - Randy Groundwater

On Saturday evening, I attended a meeting at Camp Cedarwin with about 9 Scouts & their parents. On Monday, I attended the Windsor Rotary #1918 at a luncheon and talk. Randy asked if anyone had been doing anything this past month. Susan Sawyer-Beaulieu did an exchange lecture with Detroit/Warren Astronomical Society (about 35-40 in attendance) as well as the London RASC group with (25-30 in attendance).

Editor - Steve Mastellotto

Other Centre's newsletters are on the table for anyone who wishes one. We will be off for the summer, so the next newsletter will be in September. My e-mail address is on the second page if you have any articles to forward in regards to summer events.

Phone Committee - Steve Mastellotto

Everyone should have received a phone call or an e-mail for this meeting.

National Council Rep. & Treasurer - Frank Shepley

As Treasurer there is nothing to report. On membership, September will be big, so to make my job easier, I would appreciate it if you give me the renewal sheet that you receive in the mail. A cheque is preferable but cash is OK too. Several of you should be getting a renewal for Sky & Telescope, get them in to me as soon as possible so I can renew them for you. On National, the GA is next weekend. Tim & I have made up some proxies for your vote on the question of a fee increase. An explanation was given in regards to the details of this question for vote.

Director of Observing - Robin Smallwood

Not able to give a report.

Business

There is a change in the schedule tonight, Mike Simonsen who was scheduled to speak is not able to make it do to some technical difficulties and can not be here. He apologizes and promises to fulfill his desire to come over and talk to us at a future date in probably about 6 months time.

Our RASC annual picnic and observing session will be held this Saturday, June 23rd, at the house of Dan Taylor, and there is a map in the current newsletter with directions to his house.

Tim mentioned he received an e-mail from Robert Garrison, (last month's speaker & National President) thanking us for the invitation to speak and on our hospitality.

John McDermott, presented some pictures from the December social of present and past presidents of the Windsor RASC.

Randy welcomed Bert Huneault back after his heart attack in September. Randy asked Bert to come up and explain his involvement and some background history on the original installation of the observatory and 8" Celestron telescope at St. Clair College in 1973. Randy told of the last great event at the observatory in August of 1989 with about 400 to 500 people in attendance for a lunar eclipse that evening. Peter Bondy spoke on what's happening with the observatory project to date. An explanation was given as to the proposed location of the observatory, a site of approximately 1½ acres and its features. Phases of the project were also explained for the present and future. Proposed equipment purchases hoped for and fundraising issues were also defined. Zoning change issues with the Township of Lakeshore were also explained. Answers to questions were also dealt with. Steve Mastellotto explained the events

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