

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE
7365 Tedford Road
Prince George, BC
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**Business Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009**

Date: September 9, 2009
Location: 490 Brunswick St

Chairperson: Maurice Sluka
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Glen, Maurice, Brian, Wayne, Bob, Rusty
Members Present: David Player

Meeting Called to Order at 7:32 pm.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of May 13, 2009 meeting were circulated.
Motion to accept minutes as circulated. Moved: Wayne Seconded: Bob Carried

2. Treasurer's Report

Club Account: \$5756.45
Gaming: \$5643.71
Motion to accept treasurer's report as circulated. Moved: Glen Seconded: Rusty Carried
Details on file

3. Correspondence, Secretary's Report

Various bills, statements, and Centre newsletters.

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4. Old Business

- The telescope has been recollimated but there are still some issues to attend to, telescope balance being one of them.
- The classroom roof needs to be inspected from the attic. There is some flexure in the roof that needs to be looked at. The shingles are also in need of replacement.
- A decision on replacing the existing observing deck surface with grass has been deferred to Spring 2010.
- The astronomy display at UNBC will be removed on Friday September 11 after Dr. Simard's lecture.

5. New Business

- Discussed computerizing maintenance logs using a website blog.
- It was suggested that the eyepiece adjustment knobs be increased in size.
- The small telescopes could be stored in the dome to decrease cool down time.
- A date to rebalance the telescope was not confirmed, but should be done before the next open house or tour.

5. New Business (continued)

- As a result of discussions regarding providing members with more social opportunities, it was decided to combine the business meeting with a member get together and viewing. The first event of this kind will be on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Format will be:

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Business meeting

7:30 pm - 8:15 pm **Annual General Meeting**

8:15 pm - 9:15 pm Social meeting, Astronomy talk, Constellation of the month, etc.

9:15 pm -?? Telescope viewing, informal discussion.

- All members will be BCC'd when a key holder is going to the observatory to do some observing.

The next business meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 starting at 6:00 pm at the observatory on Tedford road. The AGM will follow at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm