

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA  
PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE  
7365 Tedford Road  
Prince George, BC  
V2N 6S2**

**Business Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2009**

Date: October 17, 2009

Location: PGOA 7365 Tedford Rd

Chairperson: Gil Self

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Gil, Glen, Maurice, Wayne, Doug, Jim Van Doren, Brian

Members Present: Fae, Denise

Meeting Called to Order at 6:18 pm.

**1. Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of September 9, 2009 meeting were circulated.

Motion to accept minutes as circulated. Moved: Wayne Seconded: Maurice Carried

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Club Account: \$6450.24

Gaming: \$930.23

Details on file

**3. Correspondence, Secretary's Report**

Various bills, statements, Centre newsletters, and Government form 11.

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**4. Old Business**

- Maintenance logs are now available in the Members Area on the web site.

**5. New Business**

- The viewer's list has been revived. When key carrying members plan on observing, they will inform members via the viewers list.

- A number of volunteers have stepped forward to help Wayne with the Northwood tours on October 28 & 29.

- The Prince George Centre will host a booth at Exploration Place on Friday, October 23. Volunteers are needed. Start time is 7pm.

- Motion: approve the purchase of a replacement for the defective computer running meteor monitor and all sky camera applications. Cost \$184.72

Moved: Glen Seconded: Wayne Carried

- Motion: approve the purchase of red light flashlights and planispheres. Cost ~ \$200

Moved: Maurice Seconded: Wayne Carried

- Motion: approve funds to produce more CDs. Cost not to exceed \$100.

Moved: Maurice Seconded: Wayne Carried

- Suggested donation for visitors has been raised to \$3 for individuals and \$7 for families.

Minimum suggested donation for tours will rise to \$45. These rates will take effect starting in 2010.

## **5. New Business (continued)**

- A tour for those businesses and individuals involved with the dome repair project will be held on Saturday November 21 and possibly Friday November 20, based on the number of people responding.

- Motion: approve spending for cold cuts and munchies for the dome repair tour.

Cost ~ \$200 for 2 nights (if necessary)

Moved: Maurice           Seconded: Gil           Carried

- Maurice will contact Volunteer Prince George regarding volunteers. Prospective volunteers would need to acquire a RASC membership and be willing to undergo a criminal record check.

- Maurice will spearhead organizing a Light Pollution Abatement seminar that would involve professionals, engineers, electricians, etc. Motion: approve funds for the seminar. Cost ~ \$200.

Moved: Maurice           Seconded: Doug           Carried

- Discuss and plan the Spring viewing time at the November meeting.

- There are ongoing optical problems with the telescope. An impartial consultant will be hired to perform an unbiased analysis and evaluation of the 24" telescope to help us decide what remedial action to take. A preference will be given to someone associated with the RASC.

- Research fundraising with the goal of purchasing a Ritchey-Chretien type telescope. Mirror size is undecided at this time.

The next business meeting will be held on Saturday November 21, 2009 at 6:00pm. Location is the observatory, 7365 Tedford Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm