

**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  
November 21, 2009**

Date: November 21, 2009

Location: PGOA 7365 Tedford Rd

Chairperson: Maurice Sluka

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Gil, Glen, Maurice, Wayne, Doug, Rusty, Blair, Bob

Meeting Called to Order at 6:05 pm.

**1. Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of October 17, 2009 meeting were circulated.

Motion to accept minutes as circulated. Moved: Blair Seconded: Rusty Carried

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Club Account: \$6077.18

Gaming: \$591.96

Details on file

Motion to accept treasurer's report as circulated. Moved: Wayne Seconded: Rusty Carried

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

Various bills, statements, Centre newsletters

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**4. Old Business**

- Replacement computer to run meteor monitor and AllSky camera applications has been installed.
- Planispheres and red light flashlights have been purchased.
- 100 new CD's have been produced.

**5. New Business**

- Maurice hasn't had the time to proceed with plans for a Lighting Seminar.
- The International Dark Sky membership will be renewed.
- The Spring viewing session has been planned. Visit the website for more information.
- The YRB plowboard request was denied. **Blair** will be contacting YRB in an effort to have our request reconsidered.
- Motion: Approve the purchase of a DeWalt corded 1/2" VSR drill to replace the existing battery powered 3/8" drill. Approximate cost ~ \$100. Moved: Gil Seconded: Rusty Carried
- Motion: approve the purchase of a new AllSky camera and lens to upgrade the present system. Approximate cost ~ \$480. Moved: Gil Seconded: Maurice Carried
- Telescope committee report - perform reflectivity tests on the diagonal mirror and check backlash on the main scope. Subsequent inspection after the meeting disclosed some loose components associated with the RA drive. The mechanism will be modified to remove excessive movement and help prevent further problems. **Bob and Blair** will be involved in this activity.

## **6. Presentation**

Wayne gave a talk on the methods being used at the observatory to capture meteor activity.

In spite of being invited to attend a thank you evening for their efforts in helping to repair the dome, none of the associated businesses made an appearance. Their 'Thank You' plaques will be delivered personally.

The annual pot luck dinner will be held at the observatory on Saturday, November 28, 2009. Doors open at 5:30pm or so. Dinner will be at 7:00pm.

The next business meeting will be held on Saturday January 16, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Location is the observatory, 7365 Tedford Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm