

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

**Business Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2010**

Date: April 17, 2010

Location: 7365 Tedford Road

Chairperson: Maurice Sluka

Recording Secretary: Denise Stoltz

Executives Present: Maurice, Denise, Blair, Brian, Glen, Robert

Members Present: Brian

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of March 13, 2010 meeting were circulated.

Motion to accept minutes:

Moved: Blair Seconded: Robert Carried

2. Treasurer's Report

Club Account: \$7,017.88

Gaming: \$ 8,029.46

Motion to accept treasurer's report as circulated. Moved: Blair Seconded: Robert Carried

Details on file

Executive agreed to prepay Telus, Terasen & Hydro

Taxes completed by accountant

3. Correspondence, Secretary's Report

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4. Old Business

-Lighting Seminar in progress – working on powerpoint presentation

-Snow ploughing driveway – membership to be offered for compensation

-Telescope committee report: 24" Scope 4-shooter mirror reflectivity test results

a. RA drive assembly – need more time

b. Focusing Status – images with halo and smudge on left – suggestions to use cardboard cutout and Telescope Committee to check collimation

c. Bob to complete 4-shooter mirror reflectivity test & report – price out mirror with coatings

-Volunteer Prince George – RASC PG Centre membership submitted – free 1 year membership and notices of events will be sent

-Gaming Account spending proposal meeting to be announced before summer break

-Road Trip Star Party to Fort St. James in August (and Telescope Workshop)

a. Possible light pollution abatement talk to Fort St. James city council

b. Advertise as a Star Party and Telescope Workshop

c. Museum parking lot possible location for event

5. New Business

-Preparing next Gaming Grant

-Spending Proposals to be submitted one week prior to next meeting

6. Miscellaneous Discussion

- Rolling Mix Concrete giving free shale
- Local electricians pushing for better lighting
- Roof above classroom should be okay for two more years
- Weather Cam is up and running, images on website under Observing Weather (updated every 17 minutes!)
- Considering moisture sensors in the Dome Room roof

The next business meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 starting at 6:00 pm at the observatory on Tedford road.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm