

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

**PGC111 Business Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2011**

Date: April 13, 2011

Location: 490 Brunswick St.

Chairperson: Brian Battersby

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Brian, Blair, Glen, Wayne, Gil, Doug

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC110

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC110 (Mar 9, 2011) as presented.

Moved: Blair Seconded: Gil Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Brian Battersby)

Due to health reasons, Ken Lovin the treasurer has resigned.

b. Vice-President (Blair Stunder)

An evening of viewing is scheduled for August 27, 2011 at Fort Saint James. Further details will be released closer to the event.

c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- Canada Post mail was distributed as required.

- The lunar marathons scheduled for March 11, 12 and April 8, 9 were cancelled due to poor weather.

d. Treasurer

Regular Account balance: \$7860.68 Gaming Account balance: \$36.92

A detailed financial statement is filed with these minutes.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Moved: Wayne Seconded: Doug Carried

4. Reports of Members-at-Large

Nothing to report

5. Reports of Committees, including any motions from the Committees

Observing & Small Scope Maintenance Report - Blair Stunder

Nothing to report

Website Report - Wayne Sanders

Web page is up to date.

Media Relations Report - Maurice Sluka

Nothing to report

Building Maintenance Report - Doug Wayland

The water pump has failed. Wayne and Doug will look at it tomorrow.

(Follow up) Wayne repaired the pump control relay using replacement parts from the original manufacturer.

Tours & Public Outreach

There are no scheduled tours for the remainder of the spring viewing season.

Sidewalk Solar Viewing will be held on April 23, 2011 at Pine Centre Mall from noon until 2 pm weather permitting. RASC event insurance coverage is in place.

Newsletter - Gil Self

The deadline for the next newsletter is May 13, 2011.

Computers and AV Equipment Maintenance Report - Glen Harris

The Go To program is not retaining the calibration star settings. A program reload will be initiated in an attempt to resolve the problem.

RASC National Representative Report

Nothing to report

Grants & Funding Committee Report

The gaming grant was denied due to a couple of non-compliance items. Gil sent a letter to gaming in an attempt to get funding approved.

24" Telescope Maintenance Committee Report

By Bob Nelson

Bob has been in contact with Jeff Decker at Majestic Coatings in New Jersey regarding re-coating the secondary mirror with "protected aluminium". Majestic Coatings can coat mirrors up to 24" in diameter to full military specs. (www.majestic-coatings.com)

As per discussion at last meeting Bob is gathering more information and looking into other possible vendors.

The cost to strip and recoat with protected aluminum (secondary done at n/c), is \$95.00, turn around is ~ 1 week. I would not recommend silver or gold. Silver will not last as long as aluminum & gold may not give you enough reflectivity in the visible region, I would stick to protected aluminum.

7. Old Business

- The RASC green laser policy is posted on the website, bulletin board, and is in the Operating Procedures book.

8. New Business

- Motion: Extend the Science Fair award of a one year youth membership in RASC Prince George Centre to School District 27 - Cariboo-Chilcotin. Cost is \$41- \$13.70 = \$27.30 per eligible student.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Gil Carried

- One year youth memberships were awarded to Kaelan Lobelle of Vanderhoof for his project on Coronal Mass Ejections, and Kristian Jensen-LeBlanc of Prince George for his project on detecting Exo-Planets.

- Evan Williams' membership has been renewed as payment for hosting the Prince George Centre's web site.

- The issue of liability insurance coverage at the observatory has raised its ugly head again. Brian will review the existing policy and report his findings to the executive.

- Before the secondary mirror is sent off for recoating, a number of questions need to be answered. The 'Telescope Maintenance Committee' (Gil) will contact the preferred vendor to see if he is able to test the primary and secondary mirrors for compatibility, and reconfigure the secondary if required. A firm cost for these activities will also be obtained. Shipping costs will be determined at the time of shipping. A report is expected by the next business meeting.

- Motion: Install Gil Self as Treasurer for the remainder of the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Moved: Blair Seconded: Wayne Carried

Form 7 will be sent to the Minister of Finance detailing the change. Bank signing authority will be dealt with as required.

- Mike has placed a bulk order for Antonin Rukl's book 'Atlas of the Moon' from KhanScope of Toronto for various club members.

9. Date, Time, and Location of next Board of Directors Meeting

Motion: That the next Board of Directors meeting, PGC112, be held on May 11, 2011.

7:30 pm at SpeeDee Your Office Experts. Please submit all agenda items to Brian by May 4.

Moved: Blair Seconded: Glen Carried

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm