

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE  
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**PGC112 Business Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2011**

Date: May 11, 2011

Location: 490 Brunswick St.

Chairperson: Brian Battersby

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

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

Members Present: Denise, Maurice, Bethany

Meeting Called to Order at 7:39 p.m.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Bethany was introduced to and welcomed by the members present.

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC111**

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC111 (April 13, 2011) as presented.

Moved: Blair Seconded: Bethany Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Brian Battersby)**

- Pamela den Ouden was looking for someone with “a Master’s degree in astronomy, cosmology, planetary science, astrophysics, or the like, who would be able and willing to teach a first-year university course.” Gregory Mohammed responded that he would get in touch with her.
- \$2,000,000 in Liability Insurance has been added to the clubs policy with Hub.
- Brian will arrange to have the sewage holding tank emptied soon.

**b. Vice-President (Blair Stunder)**

- Solar viewing held recently at Pine Centre was successful, with 10 members and about 70 guests attending during the 2 hour event. More solar viewing events may be held in the near future.
- The Fort Saint James Star Party is scheduled for August 27, 2011.

**c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)**

- Canada Post mail was distributed as required.
- SSSP ([Saskatchewan Summer Star Party](http://homepage.usask.ca/~ges125/rasc/starparty.html)) information is available for anyone interested in attending. The event will be held at Cypress Hills from August 25 - 28, 2011. <http://homepage.usask.ca/~ges125/rasc/starparty.html>
- Form 7 detailing the change in Treasurer has been sent to and processed by the Ministry of Finance.

#### **d. Treasurer**

Regular Account balance: \$7219.55 Gaming Account balance: \$29.42

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

Moved: Blair Seconded: Rusty Carried

An abbreviated financial report is filed with these minutes.

- Brian, Gil, and Glen updated the signing authority at the RBC main branch.

Late breaking news...Blair took care of his part on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

- CRA sent a letter stating that line 5100 was missed on the T3010 form and advised us that in the future we must fill out the forms correctly.

#### **4. Reports of Members-at-Large - Rusty**

- The fire extinguisher check by Prince George Fire and Safety is coming up in June.

Projected cost is ~ \$50.

- 24 red 60W light bulbs have been purchased.

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

##### **Observing & Small Scope Maintenance Report - Blair Stunder**

- StarBlaster telescope SB2 will be checked over and recollimated when it returns from being on loan. All other small telescopes are in good working order.

##### **Website Report - Wayne Sanders**

The web page is up to date. 24" telescope mirror information was recently posted to the Member's Area.

##### **Media Relations Report - Maurice Sluka**

- Radio spots are composed for May, and June's are in progress.

- Four people have expressed an interest in attending the Mount Kobau Star Party near Osoyoos.

This event occurs from July 30 - August 7, 2011. Here is the [link](#) to the event.

<http://www.mksp.ca/>

##### **Building Maintenance Report - Wayne/Doug**

- Thanks to Wayne and Doug, the defective water tank pressure switch has been replaced.

##### **Tours & Public Outreach**

- Volunteers are requested for 'Northwood Wellness Day' being held at the Northwood Pulp Mill on Thursday June 23, 2011 from 10 am until 2 pm. Solar viewing will be available (weather permitting), and lunch will be provided regardless of the weather. Contact Wayne at [wsanders@xplornet.com](mailto:wsanders@xplornet.com) if you are interested in participating.

##### **Newsletter - Gil Self**

The deadline for the next PeGASus newsletter is June 15, 2011.

##### **Computers and AV Equipment Maintenance Report - Glen Harris**

- All equipment is working properly. Software is up to date.

##### **Grants & Funding Committee Report**

Gaming has not replied to Gil's letter.

## **24" Telescope Maintenance Committee Report - Gil Self**

A [vendor](#) has been contacted regarding work to be done on the main telescope's 24" and 8" mirror.

### **6. Old Business**

- Before the mirrors can be sent off for recoating, a number of questions need to be answered. Gil contacted the preferred vendor to see if he is able to test the primary and secondary mirrors for compatibility, refigure the secondary if required, and recoat both mirrors. A firm cost for these activities is expected once the vendor receives the mirrors' current specifications. Shipping costs will be determined at the time of shipping.

### **7. New Business**

- **The 2010-2011 viewing season windup potluck BBQ will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at the observatory. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner to commence at 6:15 pm. Bring your own food to barbeque, and a salad, dessert, etc. to share.**

- Motion: Appoint Bethany Gorman as the Fundraising Committee Chairperson.

Moved: Blair    Seconded: Wayne    Carried

Bethany has extensive experience with fundraising activities and will apply for a Gaming License immediately. Subsequent conversations will address funding goals and activities to achieve them.

- Motion: To purchase 2 - [1 1/4" Lumicon Variable Polarizer filters](#). Cost is \$89.49 + shipping. These filters will mainly be used for lunar viewing.

Moved: Gil    Seconded: Glen    Carried

- Motion: To purchase 1 - [2" Antares 0.50X Focal Reducer](#) for use with the 24" telescope. Cost is \$35.95 + shipping + HST.

This is an inexpensive way to determine if visual images can be improved in the 24" telescope by reducing the focal ratio to F6.

Moved: Gil    Seconded: Blair    Carried

- Motion: As soon as sufficient funds are available, ship the 24" telescope's primary and secondary mirror to [Optical Mechanics](#) for evaluation, refiguring if necessary, and recoating. Fundraising will be undertaken ASAP to acquire the funds.

Moved: Glen    Seconded: Blair    Unanimously carried

- Motion: Prepay Fortis (\$1000), BCHydro (\$750), and Telus (\$1520) utilities up to March of 2012, and set aside \$2500 for insurance coming due in September 2011. Along with the above expenditures, this will drain the Club account to ~ \$1000.

Moved: Gil    Seconded: Maurice    Carried

### **8. Date, Time, and Location of next Board of Directors Meeting**

Motion: That the next Board of Directors meeting, PGC113, be held on August 17, 2011.

7:30 pm at SpeedDee Your Office Experts. Please submit all agenda items to Brian by August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Moved: Blair    Seconded: Glen    Carried

### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm