

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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7365 Tedford Road
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**PGC115 Business Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2011**

Date: October 15, 2011
Location: PGOA 7365 Tedford Road

Chairperson: Brian Battersby
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Brian, Glen, Gil, Doug, Wayne, Bob
Members Present: Denise, Rod

Meeting Called to Order at 5:50 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC114

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC114 (Sept 14, 2011) as presented.
Moved: Gil Seconded: Wayne Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Brian Battersby)

A warm welcome is extended to youth member Carter Reed.

b. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- Canada Post mail was distributed as required.
- The 2010/2011 RASC PG Centre Activity report is available for review.

c. Treasurer

- Regular Account balance: \$4839.65 Gaming Account balance: \$3860.32
- Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
Moved: Glen Seconded: Bob Carried
- A financial report is filed with these minutes. ♦

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

Website Report

- The web site up to date.
- Brian has found a person willing to completely revamp the website for free in 2012 and bring it up to a modern state complete with content management system. It is the same person who created the php code for the tour booking page. Her name is Dana, she creates websites professionally, and does two pro-bono sites per year

Building Maintenance Report - Glen

- Purchased a portable drill press.

During a work bee held on Sept 17, the following tasks were completed:

- Scraped and painted the classroom north wall fascia and dormer.
- Painted the classroom south wall fascia and dormer.
- Scraped and painted the classroom west and east fascia.
- Re-caulked the west gutter seams.

Tours & Public Outreach Report - Wayne

- Tour booked for Nov 7 @ 6:30 pm. Wayne and Glen are the hosts to a Brownie group.
- Tour booked for Nov 16 @ 7 pm. Brian (more help please) is the host to a group of 25+ grade 3 students and parents from Cedars Christian School.
- As part of the latest two day AllSky camera maintenance trip, Wayne did very basic meteor detection presentations to 25 students and 2 teachers at Mile 108 Elementary School, and 13 students and 3 instructors (basically the whole school population) at Tatla Lake Elementary/Jr. Secondary School. When the younger students started to lose focus, Wayne got into his interactive constellation presentation. His efforts were greatly appreciated at both schools, and a couple of the older students and one of the teacher assistants at Tatla are interested in pursuing the AllSky capture data processing procedure further.

Newsletter - Gil Self

The deadline for the next PeGASus newsletter is 2011/10/21.

Computers and AV Equipment Maintenance Report - Glen Harris

- Performed program updates on all observatory computers.
- Semiannual AllSky camera maintenance was done at Mile 108 and Tatla Lake. There were no serious issues, although insects had set up residence in the Tatla Lake camera enclosure. Modifications will be made to remedy the problem.

Grounds Maintenance Report

During a work bee held on Sept 17, the following tasks were completed:

- Backfilled and compacted gravel around the driveway culvert extension.
- Placed a new section of fence to the west of the gate and attached reflective tape.

Grants & Funding Committee Report - Gil Self

- Preparation of the 2012 gaming request will start soon. Prepare your purchase requests for discussion at the next business meeting.

24" Telescope Maintenance Committee Report

- The mirrors are still with the vendor, waiting testing as a pair. It will probably be at least another two weeks before we learn the results.

5. Old Business

- The building and content insurance has been switched to the RASC insurance provider, the new coverage being equal or better than the previous coverage. A building appraisal may be required.
- Filter purchase for the new ST-10XME camera is on hold until mirror costs are finalized.

6. New Business

- Frank from Snow-B-Gone would like to know if we require his services this year. Decision deferred until Gil finds out if his son will be doing it.
- No decision was made on purchasing Rob Frith's 10" Dobsonian telescope.

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

- The next Board of Directors meeting, PGC116, will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 7:30 pm at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Hwy. Please submit all agenda items to Blair by Sunday, November 6th.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

