

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE
7365 Tedford Road
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**PGC127 Business Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2013**

Date: March 13, 2013
Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Blair, Glen, Bob
Members Present: Mike

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC126

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC126 (January 9, 2013)
Moved: Mike Seconded: Bob Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

- The Caplings in Williams Lake are doing a lot of outreach in the community.

b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)

- Nothing club related to report.

c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- There was no business meeting in February.
- Canada Post mail was picked up regularly.
- Submitted the RASC Annual Centre Secretary Report.
- Submitted the RASC Annual Centre Financial Report.
- The Registered Charity Information Return summary was received from CRA. There were no issues with the Charities Tax Return I sent them last November.
- The phone bill rate went up by \$16, so I talked to Telus and got a new package that includes voice mail and a higher speed internet link for a rate less than we were originally paying.

d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)

Bank balances as of 2013/02/28

- Club Account Balance \$5677.25
- Gaming Account Balance \$20373.06
- Notified RBC about a bank statement error. They will send a corrected statement.

Motion: To accept the financial report as presented.

Moved: Mike Seconded: Bob Carried
A detailed financial statement is filed with the minutes.

**4. Reports of Committees, including any motions from the Committees
Observing and Small Telescopes Maintenance Report – Blair**

- All telescopes are aligned and working properly.

Website Report - Glen

- The new website pgrasc.org is online. The old site home page has an address redirect to the new site. RASC and Clear Sky Chart have updated their links to point to the new site.

Tour Report - Mike

- There were no tours booked for the months of January and February.
- On March 6 a tour was held for 1st Fort George Girl Guides. 8 children and 8 adults attended. In all, there were 7 members present.
- A tour for 40+ people will be held on April 3rd. Six tour assistants will be required to manage a group of this size.

Computers and AV Equipment Maintenance Report - Glen

- Replaced the classroom computer's mouse and keyboard batteries.
- Replaced the defective classroom computer monitor with a donated one.

Grounds Report – Glen

- Snow-B-Gone plowed the driveway when the neighbor who normally plows was away on vacation.

Building Report – Glen

- The roof and dome are being cleared of snow regularly.
- Trimmed the dome skin away from the upper shutter sprocket to eliminate the loud clanking sounds when the shutter was opened the last foot or so.
- Lower shutter door counterweight has been fabricated but is not yet installed.

Grants and Funding Committee Report – Bob

- \$20000 in gaming funds was deposited into the gaming account on February 25th.

5. Old Business

- Skype is available for NOVA students unable to attend.
- Maurice determined that the existing occupancy limit of 45 people in the classroom and 10 in the dome is below the maximum legal limit allowed.

6. New Business

- Bob to contact Tom Field regarding conducting a webinar about astronomical spectroscopy.
- Motion: approve the cost of \$358.39 to purchase an Orion StarBlast 6" Reflector Telescope.

Moved: Bob Seconded: Mike Carried

- Motion: approve the cost of \$600 to purchase a 10" Orion SkyQuest Dobsonian XT10i Intelliscope.

Moved: Bob Seconded: Mike Carried

- Motion: Approve the cost of \$260 to purchase 10 Celestial Sphere DVDs and 2 Public Presentation Rights.
Moved: Blair Seconded: Bob Carried
- Motion: Approve the cost of \$722.40 to purchase a DC motor and controller for dome rotation.
Moved: Bob Seconded: Blair
- Motion: Approve the cost of \$100 to donate to Clear Sky Chart.
Moved: Glen Seconded: Blair Carried
- Motion: approve the cost of \$520 for materials to construct the north door ramp.
Moved: Bob Seconded: Mike Carried
- Motion: Approve the cost of \$4200 to professionally install commercial grade linoleum in the dome room, stairs, landing, hallway to the dome, and control room.
Moved: Mike Seconded: Bob Carried
- Motion: Approve the cost of \$531 to purchase the equipment required for Skype implementation.
Moved: Glen Seconded: Blair Carried
- Motion: Approve the cost of \$200 for the Website redesign.
Moved: Glen Seconded: Bob Carried
- Motion: Approve the cost of \$350 to upgrade the Tatla Lake AllSky camera equipment.
Moved: Bob Seconded: Blair Carried
- Motion: Approve the cost of \$1010 to upgrade the classroom computer.
Moved: Mike Seconded: Glen Carried
- Motion: Approve the cost of up to \$5500 for completion of the Spectrograph.
Moved: Bob Seconded: Blair Carried
- Motion: Approve the cost of \$200 to purchase 2 - 2" Polarizing lunar filters.
Moved: Mike Seconded: Bob Carried
- Motion: Approve the cost of \$72 to purchase 2 sets of Bob's Knobs used to simplify Celestron telescope collimation.
Moved: Glen Seconded: Mike Carried

7. Date, Time, and Location of next Business Meeting

- The next business meeting, PGC128, will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday April 6, 2013.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.