

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE
7365 Tedford Road
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**PGC129 Business Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2013**

Date: May 15, 2013

Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Blair, Glen, Bob, Jim

Members Present: Rod, Maurice, Mike

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC128

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC128 (April 10, 2013)

Moved: Bob Seconded: Maurice Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

- NOVA class content is available in CD form. Classes have been well attended.

b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)

- Tom Field has yet to be contacted regarding his webinar which will most likely occur in October.

c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- Canada Post mail was picked up regularly.

- Reserved booth 25 at the Pine Centre Living Market scheduled for September 7 and 8. Volunteers required.

d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)

Bank balances as of 2013/05/01

- Club Account Balance \$5233.02

- Gaming Account Balance \$9431.97

Motion: To accept the financial report as presented.

Moved: Bob Seconded: Maurice Carried

A detailed financial statement is filed with the minutes.

- The HST rebate cheque was deposited, \$220.57 to the Club Account, and \$390.37 to the Gaming Account.

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

Observing and Small Telescopes Maintenance Report – Blair

- The Red Dot finder on the Starblaster #2 dob needs to be replaced. More friction in the Right Ascension axis is required for Bob's 10" dob to work properly.

Media Relations Report - Maurice

- 'Our Night Sky', heard on Mondays at 10:30 am on radio station CFIS 93.1, is complete for May.
- PG Naturalists would like a talk on Aurora this fall.
- Kevin will be contacted to see who the new Fort Saint James Star Party contact is regarding this year's plan to hold the event again this Fall. Tentative event date is August 24.

Tour Report - Mike

- Astronomy presentation was made to 9 BC Parks personnel at Mount Robson on May 7. All present used several telescopes to view deep sky objects. Constellation identification was also done. Parks BC has requested another presentation at Mount Robson to be held on or near May 23 and in August. Assistance would be appreciated. This year is 100th anniversary of Mount Robson Park.
- Extensive training of several members has been done over the last several months. Ursula, Deann, and Rudy now feel quite comfortable using and instructing the public in the use of the telescopes used on the viewing deck during tours and special events. All have expressed an interest in continued assistance.

Computers and AV Equipment Maintenance Report - Glen

- The new classroom computer is being configured and will be operational soon.

Building Report – Glen

- Lower shutter door counterweight has been installed.
- Repaired the east downspout.
- North door ramp cinder blocks and sandbags are on site.

Grants and Funding Report - Bob

- Preliminary suggestions for the next gaming grant application include:
New classroom floor surface, classroom roofing replacement, parking lot expansion, 24" mirror refiguring, high definition projector, completion of the spectrograph.

5. Old Business

- Bob to contact Tom Field regarding conducting a webinar about astronomical spectroscopy.
- The club expects to be involved in Canada Day celebrations. Blair to arrange for location and tent. Volunteers are needed.

6. New Business

- Motion: Authorize the cost of ~\$700 to purchase materials for the north door ramp.
Moved: Maurice Seconded: Mike Carried
- Motion: Authorize the cost of ~\$350 + shipping, taxes, duty, etc to purchase a wireless handpad and receiver for the 24" scope.
Moved: Bob Seconded: Maurice Carried

- Motion: Authorize the cost of ~\$2100 to purchase materials for dome repair and man lift rental.
Moved: Maurice Seconded: Rod Carried
- Motion: Authorize the cost of ~\$700 to purchase equipment for synchronization of dome rotation and telescope movement.
Moved: Bob Seconded: Jim Carried
- Deck resurfacing proposal deferred due to budget restraints.
- Reimbursed Mike for Mount Robson astronomy presentation fuel costs.
- Reimbursed Bob for spectrograph gratings, mirror, and miscellaneous parts.
- Further spectrograph development deferred due to budget restraints.

- Spring viewing Windup potluck barbeque to be held at the observatory on Saturday, June 8.

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

The next business meeting, PGC130, will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday August 10, 2013.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

