

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
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**PGC140 Business Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2014**

Date: September 10, 2014  
Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder  
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris  
Executives Present: Blair, Glen  
Members Present: Rosemarie, Deann, Maurice, Mike

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

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC139**

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC139 (August 13, 2014)  
Moved: Deann           Seconded: Maurice    Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Blair Stunder)**

- The Fort St. James Star Party was attended by 7 members and 27 guests. A video was shown because the skies were too cloudy for viewing. \$30 in donations was received.

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

- Canada Post mail was picked up regularly.  
- The phone message is kept current with Open House status and general information.

**c. Treasurer (Glen Harris)**

Account Balances as of 2014/08/31

- Club Account Balance       \$6291.30  
- Gaming Account Balance   \$5415.81  
- Submitted GST rebate forms for the periods 2013/04/01-2013/09/30  
and 2013/10/01- 2014/03/31

Motion: To accept the treasurer's report as presented  
Moved: Deann           Seconded: Maurice    Carried

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

##### **Webmaster Report – Glen**

- Upcoming and tour event data is current.
- Open House status is kept up to date.
- The volunteer schedule has been posted.

##### **Grounds Report - Glen**

- The viewing deck has been repaired.
- The grounds were weed whacked and the building cleaned up.
- The east gate post was re-adjusted with wedges so the gate would close properly.

##### **- Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen**

- 24” telescope movement and dome rotation have been synchronized. All telescope components are operating within design parameters.

##### **Media Relations Report – Maurice**

- Our Night Sky radio segments for September are nearing completion.

##### **Tours and Public Outreach – Mike**

- Two presentations were made at the Mt. Robson Amphitheatre, Sept 5 and 6. Friday Sept 5 activity was a slide show presented to 12 visitors under cloudy skies. Saturday Sept 6 was a clear night, and a hand held laser pointer was used to point out several constellations. Then it was hands on using a 3.5” Starblast and the 8” Orion scope. 24 people attended the 2 hour session
- Tours are booked for Sept 16, 30, and Nov 12.
- The Active Living Booth at Pine Centre was visited by 80 people on Saturday, September 6 and 48 people on Sunday, September 7. Thanks go out to Rusty, Brian, Maurice, Deann, Rosemarie and Jim for manning the booth on the weekend.

#### **5. Old Business**

- Awaiting delivery of the fiber optic cable.

#### **6. New Business**

- A discussion regarding volunteerism was held. Due to a lack of sufficient volunteers for all of the remaining Open Houses, it was decided to cancel open houses for the Fall Viewing session. Motion: Due to the inactivity of volunteers for Friday night Open Houses, Public Open Houses are hereby cancelled for the remainder of the Fall Viewing session. Moved: Deann      Seconded: Maurice      Carried
- The Cougar’s home game schedule will be considered when future Open Houses are scheduled.
- Prepay the utilities to September 2015.
- Pursue renewal of building insurance.
- Purchase a quantity of 2032 batteries for the finder scopes. (Completed 2014/09/11)
- Purchase red headlamps for volunteer’s use at observatory public events for the purpose of identifying volunteers to the public.
- Identify observatory items needing repair and post a current list on the bulletin board.
- Determine a source for an HDMI video switch for use with the HDMI projector.
- **AGM to be held immediately following the business meeting on October 8, 2014. Location is 3323 Hart Highway.**

- Gaming Grant items:

Reinforced concrete deck surface (estimate forthcoming)

Classroom and hallway linoleum (estimate forthcoming)

24" mirror refiguring (not discussed, but brought forward from previous years)

### **7. Date, Time, and Location of the next Business Meeting and 2014 AGM**

The next business meeting, PGC140, will be held on Wednesday October 8, 2014 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:00 pm. **The AGM will follow at 8:00 pm.** Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday October 4, 2014.

### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.