

**.PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**7365 Tedford Road
Prince George, BC
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**PGC141 Business Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2014**

Date: October 8, 2014

Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Blair, Glen, Gil

Members Present: Deann, Maurice

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC140

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC140 (September 10, 2014)

Moved: Deann Seconded: Maurice Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

- Volunteer participation has jeopardized Open Houses.
- Recent member viewing was quite rewarding, with clear skies and warm temperatures.
- The 24" scope was set up for Go-To operation.

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.
- Received 50 free copies of 'Getting Started in Astronomy' pamphlets from RASC National.
- Ordered 50 pairs of solar eclipse glasses from RASC National.

c. Treasurer (Glen Harris)

Account Balances as of 2014/09/30

- Club Account Balance \$6530.61
- Gaming Account Balance \$4466.62
- Submitted GST rebate forms for the periods 2014/04/01 to 2014/09/30.
- Paid \$986 to First Durham for insurance.

Motion: To accept the treasurer's report as presented

Moved: Gil 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.
- Updated WordPress to Version 4.0

- Telescope Maintenance Report – Blair

- 24” telescope was set up for Go-To operation.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

- Our Night Sky radio segments for October are complete.
- CBC interview on October 3 went well. It was aired live at 05:45.

Tours and Public Outreach – Mike

- September 16 private tour of 7 people netted \$55. Rose, John, and Maurice assisted.
- September 28 birthday party of 30 people donated \$90. Rose, John, Jim, and Rusty helped out.
- September 30 15 people from Northside Christian School (Vanderhoof) contributed \$30 into the donation box. Rose, Ursula, and Bob contributed to the success of the event.

Grants and Funding Committee – Bob

- Require spending suggestions for the gaming application by the next meeting.

5. Old Business

- Awaiting delivery of the fiber optic cable.

6. New Business

- Gaming application items:

Reinforced concrete deck surface (estimate forthcoming)

Classroom and hallway linoleum (estimate forthcoming)

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

24” mirror replacement (estimate required)

- Request Gaming Commission approval of a dedicated account for ‘optical refurbishment’, and excess 2013-2014 gaming funds be transferred to the new account.

- Motion: Create an ‘Optical Reburishment’ account and transfer unused gaming account funds to it pending approval from the Gaming Department.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Maurice Carried

- Get quotes for NOVA program material printing.

- Modify the light shield to allow for easier storage.

- Discussion regarding Open Houses and minimum number of members required, closing off areas of the observatory during open houses, and replacing some open houses with Friday night tours. Discussion to be continued at the next business meeting.

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

The next business meeting, PGC141, will be held on Wednesday November 12, 2014 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday November 8, 2014.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.