

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC144 Business Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015**

Date: February 11, 2015
Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Blair, Glen, Gil, Bob, Jim
Members Present: Maurice, Rachel, Mark

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome to Rachel McCann, our newest member.

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC143

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC143 January 14, 2015
Moved: Gil Seconded: Bob Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

- A viewing session on January 27 provided views of asteroid 2004 BL36 and Comet Lovejoy.
- Plans have been made for viewing the zodiacal light in March from Mitchell Road (Hubbel Farm access road). Blair has sent out an email.

b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)

- Fiber cable testing is under way, as is the fabrication of the fiberhead to telescope attachment.

c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- Canada Post mail was picked up regularly.

d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)

Account Balances as of 2014/01/29

- Club Account Balance \$6637.86
- Gaming Account Balance \$189.51

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Maurice Seconded: Gil Carried

- Detailed financial information is filed with the minutes.
- Reimbursement for the fiber optic cable needs to be completed.
- Submitted the Centre financial report for inclusion in the RASC Annual Report.
- Summary report returned by CRA. There was no problem with the charities tax return.

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

Webmaster Report – Glen

- Updated various WordPress applications.
- Volunteer participation, tour and open house dates are current.

Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- No outstanding issues with the 24” scope

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report - Blair

- All telescopes are working properly.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

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

Tours and Public Outreach – Mike

- 3 presentations in January and February earned \$173. 68 people were entertained by Mike, Rose, Laura, Rudy, Jim, and Deann.

Grants and Funding Committee - Gil

- The gaming fund application is still being processed.

Building and Grounds Report – Glen

- The flat roof and dome need to be cleared of snow.
- The observatory lot has been cleared of snow regularly.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- Skype is working well with dedicated computer ‘Merope’.

5. Old Business

- Open House volunteers will undergo orientation and training on Friday, February 13 at the observatory.
- Volunteers are needed for various Open House nights. Dates are posted on the [website](#).

6. New Business

- Messier Marathon to be held on Saturday, March 14 and possibly Saturday, March 21.
 - Judges needed for the Central Interior Science Exhibition on Saturday, March 21. Also needed is someone to present the RASC Prince George Centre certificate to the winner in the Astronomical category. Contact Glen at g_harris@telus.net if interested.
 - Discussed padding the 24” scope counter weight and sharp telescope box corners.
 - Discussed a method to permanently attach the dome bar codes to the dome flange.
 - Motion: Authorize spending approximately \$350 for 6 reflective vests, 6 red light headlights, and one hand held green light laser pointer for use by volunteers at tours and open houses. Purchase to be deferred pending gaming grant approval.
- Moved: Gil Seconded: Mark Carried
- 2015 Spending proposals
 - Binoculars

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

The next business meeting, PGC145, will be held on Wednesday March 11, 2015 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday March 7, 2015.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.