

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC145 Business Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2015**

Date: March 11, 2015

Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Blair, Glen, Gil, Bob, Jim

Members Present: Maurice

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC144

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC144 February 11, 2015

Moved: Gil Seconded: Bob Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

- Saturday, March 14th we will try once again for the Messier Marathon. If we get weathered out the following Saturday March 21st the moon will still be cooperating and providing us with dark skies. The week of March 16th we will also be trying to observe the zodiacal light. Since the new moon is the middle of the week it should provide extremely dark skies. Mitchell Road (road to Hubble Farms) is plowed and the marked corner provides an excellent view to the west. Let's hope the weather provides us with the skies we need. Watch for an email on this event.

b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)

- Spectrograph head design is under way. Additional parts are needed to complete the project.

c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- Canada Post mail was picked up regularly.

- Created 'Wireless Hand Pad Operation' documentation and added it to the Operating Procedures binders.

Created 'Mallincam and Celestron Image Centering' documentation and added it to the Operating Procedures binders.

- Sent in the Secretary's Annual Report to RASC.

d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)

Account balances as of 2015/02/28

- Club Account Balance \$ 4951.47
- Gaming Account Balance \$ 183.76
- Received notice of approved Community Gaming Grant funds of \$12,000.

Funds were deposited to the gaming account on March 5, 2015.

- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Bob Carried

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

Webmaster Report – Glen

- Uploaded 'Wireless Hand Pad Operation' documentation to web site.
- Uploaded 'Mallincam and Celestron Image Centering' documentation to the web site.

Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- Repaired, reinstalled, and tested the wireless hand pad.
- The Newtonian focuser is missing parts. Replacement parts are being shipped.
- Updated the telescope servo controller ROM to v38.
- Updated the Sitech software to V0.090tZ.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report - Blair

- The 10" Orion Dobsonian telescope needed collimation. NOVA 4 students were shown the procedure.
- Received a homemade f20 Newtonian telescope, mirror blanks, and documentation as a donation.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

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

Tours and Public Outreach – Mike

- Jan 26 Home School . 5 kids & 6 adults. \$30.00 Rose, Laura, Rudy & Jim helped.
- Jan 27 Vanderhoof Home School. 16 kids & 8 adults. \$73.00 Deann, Rose, Laura, Rudy & Jim helped.
- Feb 3 BPSA Parallel Scout group. 19 kids & 14 adults. \$70.00 Deann, Rose & Jim.
- Feb 17 Charla's Cub group. 10 kids & 5 adults. \$51.00 Rose, Laura, Rudy & Glen.
- Mar 3 Beaver/Cub group. 25 kids & 19 adults. \$90.00 Deann, Rose, Laura, John & Glen. 5 presentations made to 127 people with \$ 314.00 collected.
- Since October 1, 2014 we have seen 329 visitors with an investment of 306 man hours.

Grants and Funding Committee - Glen

- Community Access Gaming funds were deposited to the gaming account on March 5, 2015.

Building and Grounds Report – Glen

- Baseboard moulding near the dome monitor table needs to be reattached to the wall.
- The east gate post need to be adjusted to the east.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- Nothing to report.

5. Old Business

- Open House volunteers underwent orientation and training on Friday, February 13 at the observatory.
- Volunteers are needed for various Open House nights. Dates are posted on the [website](#).
- Messier Marathon to be held on Saturday, March 14 and possibly Saturday, March 21.
- Steve Senger has volunteered to judge at the Central Interior Science Exhibition at UNBC on March 21st.

6. New Business

- Motion: Purchase a 27mm 1.25" Kellner reticle eyepiece to assist in aligning the 24" telescope with the 8" Celestron/MallinCam. Magnification is 267. This eyepiece will also increase accuracy when mapping the sky for 24" scope Go-To activity. Cost: \$56.35 CDN before import.

Moved: Jim Seconded: Maurice Carried

- Motion: To change the signing authority for RBC accounts 04530 102-714-3 and 102-713-5 from Blair Stunder, Glen Harris, Gilbert Self, and Brian Battersby to Blair Stunder, Robert (Bob) Nelson, Glen Harris, and Gilbert Self.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Gil Carried

- Hand held green laser pointer is being shipped.

Motion: Purchase 1 - 10x50 Orion and 1 - 15x70 Orion binoculars for member use. Cost is \$180.98 + applicable taxes.

Decision deferred until May.

- Preliminary discussion regarding the construction of an additional telescope building south of the existing viewing deck.

- Bob to provide a firm cost for the remaining spectrograph parts.

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

The next business meeting, PGC146, will be held on Wednesday April 8, 2015 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday April 4, 2015.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.