

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA  
PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

**7365 Tedford Road  
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**PGC146 Business Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2015**

Date: April 8, 2015

Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Blair, Glen, Gil, Rusty, Jim, Bob (via Skype)

Members Present: Deann

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

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC145**

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC145 March 11, 2015

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Gil                      Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Blair Stunder)**

The Fort St. James Star Party is scheduled for August 15, 2015 and will appear on the Parks Canada Events Calendar soon. NOVA 3 and 5 classes will be taught on Saturday, April 18. These classes were previously cancelled. NOVA students are signing out telescopes and using them at their homes.

**b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)**

Firm costs on the remaining spectrograph components have been next to impossible to obtain but attempts are still ongoing.

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

- Updated several operating procedures and filed them in the operating procedures binders.
- A hand held green laser pointer is now available for use and is located in the bottom drawer of the control room large filing cabinet.
- Sent direct deposit info to RASC National.

**d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)**

Account balances as of 2015/03/31

- Club Account Balance     \$ 5423.02
- Gaming Account Balance \$ 12,004.06
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Rusty                      Seconded: Gil Carried

- Detailed financial information is filed with the minutes.

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

##### **Webmaster Report – Glen**

- Uploaded several updated operating procedures.
- Updated the home page with news of Bob McDonald's talk 'Canadian Spacewalkers' being held in PG on September 19.

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

- The servo controller failed due to a defective component. It was sent away, repaired, and returned. The backup servo controller is being used.
- A newly purchased 27mm Kellner 1.25" reticle eyepiece can be used for precise centering of stars when mapping the sky for Go To accuracy. It is located on the dome room monitor table.

##### **Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report - Blair**

- Rod Herd donated his 15x70 Celestron binoculars to the Centre. Thanks Rod, they will be used quite a bit.
- NOVA students are collimating the Dobsonian telescopes when required.

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

- 'Our Night Sky' radio segments for April 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. 25kids-19 adults. \$90.00 Deann ,Rose, Laura, John & Glen
  - Mar 24 Laura Birthday Party. 8.5 kids -11 adults. \$100.00 Deann, Rose, Laura, John, Rudy & Glen
  - Mar 31 Rotary Club. 8 kids-19 adults. \$ 80.00 Rose, Laura, John, Rudy & Glen
  - Apr 1 Bonnet family. 3 kids-7 adults. \$ 50.00 Rose, Laura, John, Rudy & Glen
- A total of 8 presentations made to 183 people with \$544 collected.

##### **Grants and Funding Committee – Glen**

- Bob McDonald, host of CBC's program 'Quirks and Quarks' will be presenting his talk 'Canadian Spacewalkers' on September 19, 2015 as the guest of the Prince George Centre. Details are being worked out.

##### **Building and Grounds Report – Glen**

- The gatepost problem has resolved itself now that the frost is coming out of the ground.
- Several parking lot low spots require filling with gravel.
- Baseboard moulding near the dome monitor table needs to be reattached to the wall.

##### **Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen**

- Purchased a wireless mouse for use from the podium during tours.

## 5. Old Business

- Motion: Purchase 1 - 10x50 Orion binoculars for member use. Cost is ~\$100 + applicable taxes.

Moved: Gil    Seconded: Deann    Carried

- Motion: Authorize spending approximately \$300 for 6 red light headlights for use by volunteers at tours and open houses.

Moved: Gil    Seconded: Deann    Carried

- Motion: Purchase an EZ Up Tent with RASC Prince George Centre identification for use at public events. Cost is ~\$1700.

Moved: Gil    Seconded: Deann    Carried

- Motion: Authorize the maximum cost of \$1000 to purchases the remainder of the spectrograph components.

Moved: Gil    Seconded: Deann    Carried

Two students participating in the Central Interior Science Exhibition received one year youth memberships with RASC Prince George Centre. Isaac Heppner won in the grade 4-6 category with his project 'Earth Craters'. Grade 7-10 winner Eungyung Kim's project was entitled 'Reconnaissance Mars All Terrain Tracked Extraterrestrial Rover'. Centre member Steve Senger assisted with judging in the grade 4-6 category.

- Classroom flooring estimate is required before final budgeting can be done.

- Bank signing authority changes have been completed.

- Bob Nelson will be teaching NOVA 8 'Stars'.

- Bob Nelson to research the cost of red headlights.

- The 24" primary mirror and secondary mirror will be removed in the first week of May and shipped off for re-figuring. Blair to arrange shipping. Gil to contact vendor to ensure the mirrors will be processed as soon as possible upon receipt.

- The focuser parts have not yet been received.

- Mark Valenta has found a source for visi vests.

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Discussion involved venue cost, ticket pricing, sponsorship from local businesses, partnership and cost sharing with [Two Rivers Gallery](#), participation in the [PG Mini Maker Faire](#) that coincides with Bob's visit and his possible involvement. Should we decide to participate in this event, volunteers are required to provide instruction in the astronomy related activities.

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

The next business meeting, PGC147, will be held on Wednesday May 13, 2015 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday May 9, 2015.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.