

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

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**PGC147 Business Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015**

Date: May 13, 2015

Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

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

Members Present: Deann, Maurice, Mark, Brian D.

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC146

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC146 April 8, 2015

Moved: Rusty

Seconded: Deann

Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

- An appropriate video is required for viewing at the Fort St. James Star Party.

b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)

- Bob showed the latest progress of the spectrograph project.

c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- Bob McDonald's hotel room and airline flights reservations are made. Two Rivers Gallery will split the cost 50/50.

- First Baptist Church is secured as the venue for Bob's talk.

- PG Centre will participate in the PG Mini Maker Faire on September 19 from 10 AM until 3 PM in conjunction with Two Rivers Gallery, the PG Public Library, and Bob McDonald's visit. Location is the Civic Centre Plaza.

- Working on attaining more guest speakers for the 2015/2016 season.

- 6 headlamps are available for tour and open house volunteers.

- Booth 25 is reserved for our use during the Sept 12 & 13, 2015 Active Living Market at Pine Centre Mall.

d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)

Account balances as of 2015/04/30

- Club Account Balance \$5398.37
- Gaming Account Balance \$11252.61

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

Moved: Deann Seconded: Gil Carried

- Detailed financial information is filed with the minutes.

Classroom flooring estimate \$5700

Spectrograph remaining component cost estimate \$1000

24" Mirror remaining balance estimate \$600

e. Director (Rusty Hoff)

The fire extinguishers will be checked and re-charged if necessary. Expired items in the first aid kits need to be replaced.

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

Webmaster Report – Glen

- Uploaded WordPress to v4.2.1

Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- The 24" mirror and 8" secondary mirrors were sent off for refurbishment.
- The main telescope diagonal mirror needs cleaning while the 24" mirror is out.
- A pressurizing fan and filter will be installed while the 24" mirror is out.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report - Blair

- The small scopes and binoculars are being loaned out to members on a regular basis.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

- 'Our Night Sky' radio segments for May are nearing completion.

Building and Grounds Report – Glen

Ceiling gyproc in the dome room stairwell needs to be replaced.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- The Mallincom monitor was repaired.

5. Old Business

- A pair of 12x60 binoculars were purchased.
- 6 red light headlamps were purchased for use by volunteers at tours and open houses.
- An EZ Up Tent with RASC Prince George Centre identification for use at public events was purchased.
- Three volunteers have stepped up to assist at the PG Centre tent during the PG Mini Maker Faire held on Sept 19, 2015 in conjunction with Bob McDonald's visit.
- Tours on May 27 and June 6 will close out the Spring tour and viewing season. The observatory will re-open for the public in mid-August for the Perseid Meteor shower.

6. New Business

- Motion: Approve spending \$5616.45 to install Marmoleum flooring in the classroom and hallway.

Moved: Brian D. Seconded: Rusty Carried.

- Motion: Set the cost of Bob McDonald tickets at \$20.

Moved: Rusty Seconded: Glen Carried

- A work bee will be held to clear out the classroom in preparation for flooring installation. Mark will arrange for a trailer to be on hand to store the classroom contents.

- The annual pot luck bbq will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at the observatory. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm.

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

The next business meeting, PGC148, will be held on Wednesday August 12, 2015 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday August 8, 2015.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.