

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

**7365 Tedford Road  
Prince George, BC  
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**PGC149 Business Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2015**

Date: September 9, 2015  
Location: 7365 Tedford Road

Chairperson: Glen Harris  
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris  
Executives Present: Glen, Gil  
Members Present: Deann, Maurice

Meeting Called to Order at 7:40 p.m.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC148**

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC148 August 12, 2015

Moved: Deann           Seconded: Gil           Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Blair Stunder)**

- The Fort St. James Star Party was weathered out, but a movie was shown. Donations totaling \$50 were deposited into the club account.

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

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

- Observatory booth 25 was relocated at the Active Living Market at Pine Centre Mall and now faces the food court.

- Canada Post mail has been dealt with as required.

- Volunteers are required for Friday Open Houses and the September 12, 13 Active Living Market. The most current upcoming events and volunteer lists are posted on the website.

**d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)**

Account balances as of 2015/08/31

- Club Account Balance       \$5379.26

- Gaming Account Balance   \$1777.89

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

Moved: Gil    Seconded: Deann           Carried

- Detailed financial information is filed with the minutes.

**e. Director (Gil Self)**

Suggested the feasibility of using an Interac machine. Glen will check into costs.

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

##### **Webmaster Report – Glen**

- Word Press software is current.
- Upcoming events, volunteer involvement, Open House status, and scheduled tours information is up to date.

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

- There are no outstanding maintenance issues. Interested and motivated staff are being trained in the dome area operation and are performing admirably.
- Training sessions are always available for anyone interested in performing dome area or open house activities. Contact Glen. [g\\_harris@telus.net](mailto:g_harris@telus.net)

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

- Telescopes have been collimated using different techniques by different people. Which technique is best is an ongoing issue.

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

- ‘Our Night Sky’ radio segments for September are created on a weekly basis. Promotion of the Bob McDonald presentation will be paramount for the Monday, September 14 airing. Maurice’s radio segments can be heard on CFIS 93.7 FM Monday’s at 10:30 am. CFIS is a supporter of the Prince George Centre.
- An interview with Maurice is scheduled with CBC’s North by Northwest covering the fall night sky, and will be broadcast in the next couple of weeks.

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

- Weed whacking was partially done but more is required.
- The bottom of the door at the end of the hall needs to be trimmed.
- The two rooms at the end of the hall are reorganized and cleaned up.
- The top shelf of the broom closet is reorganized.
- Potholes in the driveway and parking need to be filled in.

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

- There are no outstanding maintenance issues.
- The computers are updated regularly.

##### **Tours and Public Outreach – Mike**

- Mike is doing outreach at Mount Robson.

#### **5. Old Business**

- ‘Meet and Greet’ Bob McDonald at the observatory Open House on Friday, September 18 at 8:30 pm. All members and the public are invited. This is a rain or shine event.
- Bob will be in attendance at the PG Mini Maker Faire occurring on Saturday, September 19 at the Civic Centre Plaza.
- Dinner with Bob at the White Spot on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 5 pm. If you have not already done so, please let me know if you will be attending.
- Bob’s presentation at 7:30 pm at First Baptist Church on Sept. 19.
- Door prize to be given out after Bob’s presentation.
- Spending proposals for the gaming grant are requested by the end of October.

#### Proposals to Date:

- Travel cases for loaner scopes.
- Concrete viewing deck surface.

#### **6. New Business**

- Proposed policy regarding loaning out telescopes.
  - Size restrictions, unless proper transportation cases/containers are used.
  - Restricted to persons that have shown proper scope operation and a basic understanding of the sky.
  - Possible orientation and scope familiarity course required prior to checking out equipment.

- Northwood Social Club has requested a family tour event for February 25, 2016.

- Motion: Authorize the cost to purchase two of Keith's astrophotos located in the display case, mount, and frame them. This will be the door prize awarded following Bob's presentation.

Moved: Deann           Seconded: Gil           Carried

Deann will take care of the particulars.

- **AGM date set for Wednesday, October 21.** Deann will phone members prior to the meeting. Skype is offered for out of town members only.

- Maurice will be interviewed by retired Prince George Citizen Reporter and Centre member Paul Strickland regarding what the Centre has accomplished in the recent past, what it hopes to do in the near future, how it helps science education in the district, and helps to inspire an interest in science by young people. Paul writes columns for the *Take Five* coffee-time newsletter, which is usually found in local restaurants.

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

The next business meeting, PGC150, will be held on Wednesday October 21, 2015 at the observatory. Start time is 7:00 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday October 17, 2015. **THE AGM WILL FOLLOW AT 8 PM.** Please attend at least the AGM. Low participation may affect our ability to obtain funding from the Gaming Branch.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjournment at 8:55 pm.