

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

**7365 Tedford Road
Prince George, BC
V2N 6S2**

**PGC150 Business Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015**

Date: October 21, 2015
Location: 7365 Tedford Road

Chairperson: Blair Stunder
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Glen, Gil, Bob, Blair, Jim
Members Present: 18 (including Don via Skype)

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC149

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC149 September 9, 2015

Moved: Glen Seconded: Katheryn Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

Blair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
Blair summarized Centre activities undertaken in the last year.

b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)

Bob outlined his progress with the spectrograph.

c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- Canada Post mail has been dealt with as required.

d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)

Account balances as of 2015/09/30

- Club Account Balance \$4940.77
- Gaming Account Balance \$534.72
- Prepaid Account Balance \$800.73

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

Moved: Mark Seconded: Jim Carried

- Detailed financial information is filed with the minutes.
- The Gaming Account Summary Report has been submitted.
- The GST Rebate request has been submitted.
- The registered Charity Income Tax report has been submitted.

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.
- Training sessions are always available for anyone interested in performing dome area or open house activities. Contact Glen. g_harris@telus.net

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report - Glen

- Repaired and re-collimated the 10” Orion telescope with Mike’s assistance.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

- ‘Our Night Sky’ radio segments for October are created on a weekly basis.
- Paul Strickland interviewed Maurice 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. The article will appear in CNC’s ‘Odyssey’ newsletter.
- Maurice will be interviewed by CBC soon.

Building and Grounds Report – Glen

- The bottom of the door at the end of the hall needs to be trimmed.
- Potholes in the driveway and parking need to be filled in.
- Table laminates require repair.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

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

Tours and Public Outreach – Mike

- Two presentations made to 37 people with \$118.20 collected
- Eight more tours are scheduled for this year.
- Volunteer help has been most helpful in conducting the tours.
- First Nation Astronomy Folk Lore talk at the main branch of the Prince George Public Library on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 7 pm until 8:30 pm.

5. Old Business

- Spending proposals for the gaming grant are requested to be submitted by the November 11, 2015 business meeting.

Proposals to Date:

- Travel cases for loaner scopes.
- Concrete viewing deck surface.
- Expand the parking lot.
- Purchase an inflatable planetarium.
- Northwood Social Club has requested a family tour event for February 25, 2016.

5. Old Business (continued)

- 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.
 - Loaned out for two weeks at a time.

6. New Business

- Work Bee scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2015 starting at 09:00 am.

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

The next business meeting, PGC150, will be held on Wednesday November 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 November 7, 2015.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.