

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

**7365 Tedford Road
Prince George, BC
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**PGC152 Business Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2016**

Date: January 13, 2016
Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Blair, Glen, Bob (via Skype)
Members Present: Maurice, Brad, Corey

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC151

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC151 November 11, 2015

Moved: Glen Seconded: Maurice Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

- First NOVA class is on Saturday, January 16. Most prospective students saw the ad on the Hell Yeah PG Facebook page. Approximately twenty non-members are interested. Three members will be NOVA students.
- Three viewing events are planned. Details will be found under 'NewBusiness'.

b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)

- When available, will help at open houses.
- Spectrograph will be completed upon his return.
- May have info on funding sources for an inflatable planetarium.

c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- Canada Post mail has been dealt with as required.
- Received the 2015 Property Assessment Notice.
- RASC President James Edgar would like to visit the Prince George Centre in March or April. He is prepared to give a talk, with his travel costs 100% covered and accommodation expenses covered up to \$100 a day through the public speaker program. All other costs would be the responsibility of the Centre. The free event would need to be open to the general public.

d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)

Account balances as of 2015/12/29

- Club Account Balance \$6725.09
- Gaming Account Balance \$406.95
- Prepaid Account Balance \$951.08

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

Moved: Brad Seconded: Maurice Carried

- Detailed financial information is filed with the minutes.
- Canada Post guarantees that the Gaming Account Summary Report was delivered.

e. National Rep (Brian Battersby)

Brian will email out the minutes from the latest National Council meeting.

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

Webmaster Report – Glen

- The website is updated to the latest software version.
- The volunteer list is current. Tour dates are added.

Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- Ever since the mirror box pressurization fans were installed, there has been no accumulation of frost on the 24" mirror.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report - Blair

- No outstanding issues.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

- 'Our Night Sky' radio segments for January are created on a weekly basis.

Building and Grounds Report – Glen

- Driveway and parking lot are being cleared regularly. The roof and dome have been done twice so far this season.
- The defective water system relay has been replaced. Thanks goes to Mark for supplying and installing the relay.
- SnoBGone has been notified to keep the north sidewalk and ramp clear for emergency exit access.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- Skype WinXP computer has a blue screen problem related to the virus scanner. Hoping to have it fixed prior to the first NOVA class.
- Spending proposal submitted for a projector mount and projector screen.

Tours and Public Outreach

- PG Teen Fest March 5, 2016 at the Civic Centre from 11 am – 5 pm. Volunteers needed. Contact youth members for possible involvement once tasks are identified. Brian will look into appropriate interactive activities for 13 – 18 year old teenagers.
- Open House format has changed. Open Houses are held every Friday in February, March, and April regardless of weather. Poor road conditions will be the only limiting factor. There will be two presentations per evening followed by hands on telescope familiarization prior to viewing on

the south deck. In the event of poor weather, stations will be set up in the classroom with interactive activities. Tokens will be used to limit occupancy in the dome. Interactive activities are at the development stage.

- To date, eight presentations were made to 216 people with \$552.20 collected. Seven tour dates are available in the 2016 Winter/Spring season.

5. Old Business

- Gaming fund application is at the 'In Progress' stage.

6. New Business

- Motion; Approve the purchase of a projector screen and universal wall/ceiling projector mount. Approximate cost is \$240.

Moved: Corey Seconded: Maurice Carried

- Contact James Edgar regarding available dates for his visit to the Centre, and when date is finalized, apply to the RASC Public Speaker Program for available funding.

- Upcoming viewing activities:

- Saturday February 6, 2016 Open Cluster viewing.

- Saturday, March 12, 2016 Messier Marathon

- Saturday, April 12, 2016 Possible Lunar Marathon

- Find a means to identify the telescope counterweight in the dark.

- RASC Calendars to be included in future NOVA class packages.

- Credit card payments are now accepted for NOVA course and membership fees.

- Additional locations for public observatory events include the Canadian Western Bank billboard and the PG Tourism web site.

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

The next business meeting, PGC153, will be held on Wednesday February 10, 2016 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday February 6, 2016.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.