

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC153 Business Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2016**

Date: February 10, 2016
Location: 3323 Hart Hwy.

Chairperson: Blair Stunder
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Blair, Glen, Bob
Members Present: Brad, Brian B., Dave

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC152

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC152 January 13, 2016

Moved: Glen Seconded: Bob Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

- 12 members attended the Open House Cluster event on February 6, 2016

b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)

- Spectrograph development will continue now that I am back from vacation.

c. Secretary/Recorder (Glen Harris)

- Canada Post mail has been dealt with as required.

- RASC President James Edgar will visit the Prince George Centre on Saturday, April 23, 2016.

His topic will be 'Synthesis of Elements in Stars'. If someone can billet James, please let me know. Billeting will reduce our costs significantly. This event will be held at the observatory.

- RASC 2016 calendars have arrived for distribution to students at the next NOVA class.

- A number of red/white light headlamps ordered by NOVA students will be distributed at the next NOVA class.

d. Treasurer (Glen Harris)

Account balances as of 2016/01/31

- Club Account Balance \$6843.48

- Gaming Account Balance \$400.20

- Prepaid Account Balance \$768.57

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

Moved: Bob Seconded: Brian Carried

- Detailed financial information is filed with the minutes.
- Due to staff shortages in the Gaming Office, grants will be delayed indefinitely.

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.

Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- No outstanding issues.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report - Blair

- No outstanding issues.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

- ‘Our Night Sky’ radio segments for February are created on a weekly basis.
- Maurice was on CKPG being interviewed about LED light pollution.

Building and Grounds Report – Glen

- No outstanding building issues. The driveway and parking lot are in good winter condition.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- A projector screen was mounted on the north wall, and the old projector relocated to point at the screen for use with the Mallincam camera mounted on the main telescope.
- The new projector is installed and pointed at the main screen.
- A colour monitor for the Mallincam camera was installed in the dome.

Tours and Public Outreach

- A tour on February 9 by 11 people netted \$30.
- The public open house on Friday February 5 was attended by 19 visitors and 6 volunteers.

5. Old Business

- Gaming fund application is still at the ‘In Progress’ stage.
- Find a means to identify the telescope counterweight in the dark.

6. New Business

- Upcoming activities:
 - Saturday, March 12, 2016 Messier Marathon
 - Saturday, April 9, 2016 Lunar Marathon
 - Observe the Zodiacal light. Date to be determined.
 - Teen Fest at the Civic Centre on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 10 am until 5 pm. Volunteers to staff the booth are requested.
- Bob will adapt the left telescope Fourshooter position for use as a port for Iphone photography.
- Install vinyl siding on the south classroom gable end to bolster security.
- Suggested open house talk subjects included the ISS, telescope purchases, Iridium flares and satellites, featured constellation of the month and associated Messier and NGC objects.
- Determine if the RASC IYA 2009 Galileo telescope is still available for purchase.

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

The next business meeting, PGC154, will be held on Wednesday March 9, 2016 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway. Start time is 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday March 5, 2016.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.