

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**7365 Tedford Road
Prince George, BC
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**PGC162 Business Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017**

Date: March 8, 2017

Location: 3323 Hart Highway

Chairperson: Blair Stunder

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

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

Members Present: Ken

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC161

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC161 February 8, 2017

Moved: Bob Seconded: Gil Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Blair Stunder)

- Was interviewed by CFIS 93.1FM
- Varying attendance at open houses.
- Use QR codes on advertising material

b. Vice President (Bob Nelson)

- Fiber cable needs to be tested
- 24" autoguiding and mapping issues. Will enlist the help of Dan Gray.

c. Secretary (Corey Bolen)

- Absent

d. Treasurer (Glen Harris for Corey Bolen)

Account balances as of 2017-02-20

- Club Account Balance \$2720.77
- Gaming Account Balance \$12538.36

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

Moved: Gil Seconded: Ken Carried

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

Webmaster Report – Dayton

- No issues

Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- No outstanding operational issues.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report - Glen

- The 8" piggybacked Celestron telescope requires collimation.
- The laser collimators could not be found.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- The AllSky camera is publishing to the website and the Sky Sentinel site.
- Considering expanding the AllSky network to include Fort St. James and Mackenzie.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

- Our Night Sky reports heard on CFIS radio Monday mornings at 10:30am continue to be generated.

Tours and Public Outreach – Mike

- February 25 Quesnel Girl Guides 14 kids, 5 adults, 5 volunteers. \$38 received.

Grants and Funding Report – Blair and Bob

- \$500 - \$1500 in grant money available from PG Community Foundation. Application deadline of March 15, 2017. Bob will investigate.
- Due to the complexity of the new regulations for acquiring gaming funds, two people are required to work on the next gaming fund application. Gil has volunteered to assist Bob. Free professional advice is also available from the Northern Interior Communities Association, of which PG Centre is a member.

5. Old Business

- Update Bylaws/Constitution for provincial compliance.
- West parking lot drainage improvement in the spring.
- Floor maintenance issue still in progress.

6. New Business

- Keith Egger's astrophotography talk rescheduled to May 2017.
- Messier Marathon on March 25th, 2017.
- Gate keys can be issued to members upon request.
- Spending proposals:
 - Keurig Classic K50 Coffee Maker ~\$98-\$120 + condiments
 - Traffic Poles/tape \$450
 - Solar lighting for the parking lots \$672
 - Light barrier fence. Estimate required.
 - Building signage \$474
- Volunteer needed for QR code project. Contact Blair for details.

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

The next meeting, PGC163, will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2017 at Arctic Manufacturing 3323 Hart Highway starting at 7:30 pm. Please submit all agenda items to Blair no later than Saturday, April 11, 2017.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.