

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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PGC201 Business Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2021

Date: September 8, 2021, 2021
Location: On Line Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Dave, Maurice
Members Present: Shannon, Bob

Meeting Called to Order at 7:29 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC200

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC200 Aug 11, 2021.

Moved: Malhar Seconded: Glen Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar Kendurkar)

- Refer to new business.

b. Vice President (Maurice Sluka)

c. Secretary/Treasurer (Glen Harris)

- CWB account balances as of 2021-08-31

 General Account Balance \$11449.80

 Gaming Account Balance \$11894.70

- Applicable funds to be transferred from Gaming fund to General fund before the end of September.

- Telus 'Customer Loyalty Program' initiative will reduce the monthly phone bill from \$230.67 to \$113.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer report as presented.

Moved: Maurice Seconded: Glen Carried

d. National Representative (Malhar - interim)

- The next National Council meeting will be on September 26. Jim and Malhar will participate via Zoom.

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

Webmaster Report –Glen

-Working on developing an on-line tour booking program. Limited success so far.

- Malhar to enlist the help of one of his associates.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report -

- The 14" Meade telescope requires collimation and lubrication of the focusing assembly.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- Two of the three main mirror box pressurizing fans are now working.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- All computers (Classroom, dome, and AllSky) were updated.

Building and Grounds Report – Glen

- Weed whacking needs to be done again.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

- Our Night Sky features being recorded remotely and MP3 file e-mailed to CFIS, for Monday 10:30 am broadcast.

Outreach – Malhar

- First public Zoom presentation will be on October 1st @ 7:30 pm. Those wishing to donate will be given the opportunity through e-transfer.
- Library presentation in November and three times in 2022.
- Possible future Zoom presentations to be made by Dave Lane, SkyNews editor, and Jenna Hynes involved with the RASC Robotic Telescope Project.

5. Old Business

- Spacer required for the DSLR camera.
- Members' astrophotos required for website.
- Sterilization of water cooler required prior to reopening the observatory.
- Ordered 25 RASC calendars.
- Work Bee scheduled for Sept 25, 26. Action items:
 - Repaint grout.
 - Extend west fence 24' to the south.
 - Paint white trim.
 - Install toilet.
 - Sterilize water cooler.
 - Repair dome membrane and skirting.
 - Replace main scope air pressure fans.

6. New Business

- The observatory will not reopen in the near future. Zoom presentations will take place instead.
- When the observatory reopens, collaborate with PG Cougars to organize a fundraiser.
- The search continues for someone to demolish the old observatory. Contact O'Brien Training.
- PG Cougars options to collaborate:
 - 1) Fundraiser night – works the same way as chocolate bar fundraisers, individuals/teams can sell as many as they want. The more they sell, the more money they make.
 - 2) Large group night – Set up a group code and try to pack a section full of club members.
 - 3) PG Astronomy night – inviting high school, college, and university students.
- Pay Zoom invoices directly from bank account.
- Maurice is providing the metal sheeting for an observing deck light barrier.

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

- The next business meeting PGC202 will be held on Wednesday October 13, 2021 starting at 7:00 pm using Zoom.

- **The 2021 Prince George Astronomical Society/RASC Prince George Centre Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday October 13, 2021 following business meeting #202.**

- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday October 9, 2021.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.