

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

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**PGC203 Business Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021**

Date: November 10, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Maurice, Dave

Members Present: Bob

Meeting Called to Order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC202

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC202 October 13, 2021.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Dave Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Refer to new business.

b. Vice President (Maurice)

- See Media relations Report

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Submitted the BC Society Annual Report.

- Submitted the Gaming Account Summary Report.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2021-10-31

 General Account Balance \$15869.70

 Gaming Account Balance \$5511.60

- Submitted the Registered Charity Income Tax Return.

- Submitted the Community Gaming Grant request.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer report as presented.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Maurice Carried

e. National Representative (Malhar for Jim)

- The National office has been moved to a new location.

- Motion passed at National level allowing a National board member to also be the President of a RASC Centre.

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

Webmaster Report –Glen

- Created a password protected ‘Telescope Control’ page for future use. Added a weather app to the page.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report – Glen

- No issues.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- No issues.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- Need to purchase a backup drive.

Building and Grounds Report – Glen

- Dome skirting and membrane need to be repaired.

Media Relations Report – Maurice

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

5. Old Business

- Members’ astrophotos required for website.
- Sterilization of water cooler required prior to reopening the observatory.
- Polar alignment required on main telescope.

6. New Business

- DSLR camera is working.
- Telus Fiber service will be installed on November 22.
- Prototype ‘Sky Hook’ installed for the dome upper slot motor wiring, limit switch wiring, and future lower slot control wiring.
- Work on the telescope homing equipment is in progress.

- **Motion:** Authorize spending ~\$365 of Club Account funds for the purchase of a 12’ aluminum step ladder to be used for interior dome maintenance. Ladder would be stored in the dome room.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Dave Carried

- **Motion:** Authorize spending \$176.99 + tax of Club Account funds for the purchase of a 4TB USB3 Backup Hard Drive for retention and recovery of data on all observatory computers.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Maurice Carried

Motion: Authorize spending ~\$8500 of Gaming Account funds to upgrade the telescope and dome for remotely controlled operation. This spending would depend on the success of acquiring the funds in the recently submitted 2021-2022 Gaming Grant fund request.

Moved: Malhar Seconded: Bob Carried

- Dave and Jon (contractor) will travel to the old Tabor Mountain observatory site on November 17, road and weather conditions permitting. Jon will provide an estimate for demolition and removal of the old structure.

- Dome skirting repair work bee scheduled for Saturday November 13 at 9:30 am. Covid19 rules will apply.
- Remotely Operated Telescope committee is busy working on the project. Costs have been determined and were included in the Community Gaming Grant request.

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

- The next business meeting PGC204 will be held on Wednesday December 8, 2021 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday December 5, 2021.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.