

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC204 Business Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2021**

Date: December 8, 2021
Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Maurice, Gil, Dave
Members Present: Adriana, Pat, Bob

Meeting Called to Order at 7:33 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC203

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC203 November 10, 2021.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Bob Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Submission of the viewing of Comet Leonard (C/2021 A1) to the Minor Planet Centre (MPC) from the observatory telescope would gain us registration with the MPC organization.

b. Vice President (Maurice)

- See Media relations report.
- Submitted a spending request for a light barrier to the east of the viewing deck.

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Telus fiber service was installed on Dec 1. Average download speed is 750 mB/sec, average upload speed is 200 mB/sec.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2021-11-30
 General Account Balance \$15987.67
 Gaming Account Balance \$5511.60
- Gaming grant application status is 'In Progress'.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer report as presented.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Maurice Carried

e. National Representative (Malhar for Jim)

- The National Office moved to a new location and a telescope museum has been established there.

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

Webmaster Report –Glen

- Business meeting minutes are posted on the website.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report – Glen

- No issues.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- No issues.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- All computers have been backed up on a backup drive.

Building and Grounds Report – Glen

- Dome skirting and membrane have been repaired.
- General building cleanup done.

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

- Participation with the Prince George Cougars organization would help to increase awareness about the PGAS. Activities could include setting up a kiosk at a home game, special ticket pricing for club members, school groups and other associated groups, and a viewing session outside after the game.

5. Old Business

- Members' astrophotos required for website.
- Sterilization of water cooler required prior to reopening the observatory.
- Polar alignment and TPoint sky mapping update required on main telescope.
- Work on the telescope homing equipment is in progress.
- Remotely Operated Telescope committee is busy working on the project. Costs have been determined and were included in the Community Gaming Grant request.

6. New Business

- 'Sky Hook' wiring for the dome upper slot motor wiring has been completed and tested.
- **Motion:** Authorize spending \$905 + tax for construction of a light barrier to the east of the viewing deck.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Gil Carried

- Glen to contact our snow removal contractor on the availability of a machine mounted auger.
- Dave and Jon (contractor) traveled to the old Tabor Mountain observatory site on November 17, road. Jon provided an estimate of \$3000-\$5000 for the demolition of the structure. Trucking of the debris to Canadian Recycling on Otway road would be about \$2400 with dumping fees to be \$1600. Dave will contact Chris David to discuss the option of burying the debris at the MOT gravel pit located 6 km from the old observatory.
- Post Remote Telescope Project (RTP) committee minutes on the website.

- **Motion:** Participate with the Prince George Cougars to increase awareness about our organization.

Moved: Gil

Seconded: Maurice Carried

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

- The next business meeting PGC205 will be held on Wednesday January 12, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.

- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday January 8, 2021.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.