

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

**7365 Tedford Road
Prince George, BC
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**PGC205 Business Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021**

Date: January 12, 2021
Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Glen Harris
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Glen, Maurice, Dave
Members Present: Susan, Bob, Rob

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC204

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of PGC204 December 8, 2021.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Maurice Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Regrets.

b. Vice President (Maurice)

- See Media relations report.

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Dealt with the mail.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2021-12-31

 General Account Balance \$15868.94

 Gaming Account Balance \$15511.60

Motion: To accept the Treasurer report as presented.

Moved: Dave Seconded: Maurice Carried

e. National Representative (Malhar for Jim)

- No report

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

Webmaster Report –Glen

- Business meeting and Remote Telescope Committee 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

- Created a ‘Remote Control’ profile on Alcyone. Password is on file.
- Installed Chrome Remote Desktop on Alcyone, Maia, and Sentinel.
- Installed Kaspersky Security Suite on Alcyone and Maia.
- Activated WIFI connection to the Canon DSLR camera from Alcyone using EOS Utility.
- 300Gb SAS SCSI internal hard drive ordered.
- Installed EOSBackyard software and connected the camera. EOSBackyard doesn’t appear to support a WiFi connection.
- Unsuccessful attempt to install the 4-port serial port PCI-E card. The building power kept failing. Will try another time.

Building and Grounds Report – Dave

- Roof, parking lot and sidewalk snow has been removed.

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

- No report

5. Old 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

6. New Business

- Dave to email Chris David regarding options for disposal of the old observatory.

- **Motion:** Appoint Rob Woods as a director of the RASC Prince George Centre.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Dave Carried

- Snow removal contractor has agreed to auger the light barrier holes.
- Inform members when the Remote Telescope Committee minutes are posted on the website.

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

- The next business meeting PGC206 will be held on Wednesday February 9, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday February 5, 2021.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.