

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC207 Business Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2022**

Date: March 9, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Dave, Maurice, Rob, Bob

Meeting Called to Order at 7:32 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC206

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of February 9, 2022.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rob Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Dome and telescope synced, 20 stars mapped.
- Will perform a TPoint run using the ST10 camera at the next opportunity.

b. Vice President (Maurice)

- See Media relations report.

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Processed the mail.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2022-02-28

 General Account Balance \$14,192.14

 Gaming Account Balance \$10,117.46

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

Moved: Malhar Seconded: Maurice Carried

e. National Representative (Malhar for Jim)

- National Board meeting on March 26-27.
- National office developing a 2-year plan.
- National office has hired new employees.
- The outreach department at the National Office would like to share two upcoming outreach opportunities that we invite you to participate in.

1. RASC & The Canadian Space Agency are teaming up to promote the Artemis I (the first of three missions that will return humans to the moon!) launch happening mid-2022! We are looking for centres that are interested in hosting a moon themed star party around the quarter moon in April and May and helping educate the public on the Artemis missions. RASC National and the CSA will be providing outreach and advertising materials, and an Artemis outreach training session. RASC National will also be hosting a Canada and the Moon themed webinar on May 7th (International Astronomy day) featuring RASC centre content from across Canada that we are looking for centres to share pre-recorded or live content on. [You can find out more about this collaboration and how you can participate here!](#)

2. RASC National is once again partnering with Science Odyssey. Science Odyssey is a national campaign that celebrates STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) across Canada and promotes STEM outreach events during the month of May. We invite centres to join this national campaign this year. Participating is easy!

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

Webmaster Report –Glen

- Meeting minutes posted to the website.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report – Glen

- Several red dot finder batteries need to be replaced.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- Dome rotation and synchronization with the telescope is working again.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen and Rob

- Installed several programs related to the robotic telescope project.

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

- Will wait until we re-open before interacting with UNBC, CNC, Cougars management, etc.

5. Old Business

- Dave is awaiting news from Chris David regarding disposal of old observatory material

6. New Business

- Received the OK from Chris David to bury the old observatory material on site. Grass seeding of the area will be required.

- Malhar to contact the UNBC Environmental and Forestry departments regarding Tabor Mtn. remediation material.

- Robotic telescope project committee met with Dave Lane regarding telescope upgrades.

- PG Centre Weather station and I.R. camera overview.

- Rob to determine why the weather station data is not getting uploaded to the internet.

- Observatory will possibly re-open to the public Friday September 2, 2022.

- The observing deck light barrier installation is expected to be done between April and July.

- **Motion:** Authorize spending ~\$250 + tax and shipping for equipment to establish a firewall between the router and the local network.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Maurice Carried

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

- The next business meeting PGC208 will be held on Wednesday April 13, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.

- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday April 10, 2021.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.