

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC208 Business Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022**

Date: April 13, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Malhar, Maurice, Dave, Jim, Glen

Members Present: Bob

Meeting Called to Order at 7:42 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC207

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

Moved: Glen Seconded: Maurice Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Will perform a TPoint run using the ST10 camera at the next opportunity.
- Evaluated Earth Centered Universe planetarium program and DC3Dreams software. Positive results.

b. Vice President (Maurice)

- See Media relations report.

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Processed the mail.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2022-03-31

 General Account Balance \$14,009.79

 Gaming Account Balance \$10,117.46

 \$4441.17 of the \$8500 Robotic Telescope Project budget has been spent.

- Ordered cheques for both accounts.

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

Moved: Glen Seconded: Malhar Carried

e. National Representative (Malhar for Jim)

- National Representative Zoom meeting on April 30 or June 1.
- General Assembly Meeting On Line June 24-27.

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

- No issues.

Grounds and Building Report - Glen

- Replaced the gate restraint bungee cord with a longer one.
- Eliminated the lower shutter door binding issue temporarily but the pulley brackets need to be welded to the dome.
- Finished the installation of the lower slot door pre-loading mechanism.
- Glen to replace west door alarm contacts.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Glen

- UPS batteries ordered, one received but not installed.
- Ordered and donated an Orion 20mm 1.25" illuminated reticle eyepiece for ease of star mapping.

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

- 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.

6. New Business

- Robotic Telescope Project Committee - -Ongoing- Updates are provided through the committee meeting minutes emailed to members and posted on line.
- International Dark Sky Week April 22-24 in Fairview, Alberta – Invitation to Centre members to attend.
- Bob to purchase rechargeable AAA batteries and chargers for headlamps.
- Surveillance camera discussion tabled until next business meeting.
- South gable Hardy board installation discussion tabled until next business meeting.
- Glen and Jim to evaluate using a modified ATV winch to operate the lower shutter door.

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

- The next business meeting PGC209 will be held on Wednesday May 11, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday April 8, 2022.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.