

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

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**PGC209 Business Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2022**

Date: May 11, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

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

Members Present: Bob

Meeting Called to Order at 7:37pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC208**

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of April 13, 2022.

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Dave                      Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Malhar)**

- Will perform a TPoint run using the ST10 camera at the next opportunity.
- Mount Kobau Star Party August 20 – 29 (Penticton).

**b. Vice President (Maurice)**

- See Media relations report.

**c. Secretary (Glen)**

- Processed the mail.

**d. Treasurer (Glen)**

- CWB account balances as of 2022-04-30

    General Account Balance   \$13,669.81

    Gaming Account Balance   \$9082.86

    \$5128.12 of the \$8500 Robotic Telescope Project budget has been spent.

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

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Gil                      Carried

**e. National Representative (Malhar for Jim)**

- National Council Meeting On Line June 12 @ 11:00am DST.
- General Assembly Meeting On Line June 24-27.
- General Assembly Meeting 2023 in Calgary.
- Rob will assist in the duties of National Representative.

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

##### **Webmaster Report –Glen**

- Meeting minutes posted to the website.

##### **Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Rob**

- Raspberry Pi added to network. This will act as a firewall to incoming traffic.
- Future requirement for static IP addresses.
- Upgrade to Win10 required on Maia and Alcyone computers.

##### **Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report – Glen**

- Several red dot finder batteries need to be replaced.
- ST9 and ST10 camera desiccant needs to be replaced.

##### **0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen**

- TPoint and polar alignment required.

##### **Grounds and Building Report - Glen**

- Lower slot shutter pulley brackets have been welded to the dome.
- Yellow sidewalk handrail has been welded to the black building handrail.
- Purchased the classroom UPS battery.
- Doug filled the water tanks.
- Discussed alarm siren and strobe light options.

##### **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.
- Observatory will re-open to the public on Friday Sept 2 subject to Covid situation. Malhar has fielded many requests for tours.

#### **5. Old 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 Hardie board installation discussion tabled until next business meeting.
- Glen and Jim to evaluate using a modified ATV winch to operate the lower dome shutter.

#### **6. New Business**

- Rob to investigate security camera options.
- Glen to take measurements and images of south gable end of classroom in order for Maurice to come up with an estimate for Hardie board installation.
- Observing Deck Horizontal Light barrier – Maurice to look into post and post installation options.
- Rob to replace toilet.

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

- The next business meeting PGC210 will be held on Wednesday August,10, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday August 7, 2022.

**8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.