

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC210 Business Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2022**

Date: August 10, 2022
Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Gil, Rob, Maurice
Members Present:
Meeting Called to Order at 7:38pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC209

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of May 11, 2022.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Gil Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Images taken with the Canon DSLR.
- Pest Control to make assessment on August 11.

b. Vice President (Maurice)

- See Media relations report.

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Processed the mail.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2022-07-31
 - General Account Balance \$11,132.75
 - Gaming Account Balance \$7228.70
- \$6946.77 of the \$8500 Robotic Telescope Project budget has been spent.

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

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rob Carried

e. National Representative Report (Malhar)

- Discussion at National Level regarding proposed membership fee increase on August 17.

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

Webmaster Report –Glen

- Meeting minutes and bylaws posted to the website.
- Rob setting up in house website hosting.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Rob

- Not updating Alcyone to Win10 due to lack of drivers for ST9 and ST10 cameras.
- Maia to be updated to Win10.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report – Glen

- Several red dot finder batteries need to be replaced.
- Headlamps require new batteries.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- TPoint and polar alignment required.
- The 0.61m telescope and dome are synced.
- The Canon DSLR camera was focused and several images were taken.

Grounds and Building Report - Glen

- UPS batteries were replaced.
- Toilet was installed. (Rob)
- Burned out red sidewalk lights were replaced.
- There are ants in the hallway ceiling.
- Donated my no longer used AC weedwhacker to the club.
- Bought a corded lawnmower and mowed the observatory grass.
- Weed whacked the observatory grounds.
- Lower shutter closure continues to be a problem. I can't seem to get the tension right on the two cables. Suspect a cable spooling problem with the hand crank assembly. The cable will need to be completely unspooled, removed from the shutter and the crank disassembled to rectify the problem. Will require assistance with this.
- Modified the lower shutter pre-loading mechanism...again.
- Hardie board is on site.

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

- October tour arranged with UNBC recreational Outreach Instructor. Malhar to host.
- Tour committee will not be hosting tours to ongoing Covid contact concerns.
- September 2 Citizen Perseid meteor shower interview with Malhar.

5. Old 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.

6. New Business

- The light barrier is on hold until the building gable cladding is complete, and volunteers are available.
- Executive email forwarding to *@pgrasc.org done.
- **Observatory cleanup work bee scheduled for Sunday August 28.**
- Prince Sheet Metal to schedule a visit to check for flat roof leaks. There is a ceiling water stain in the hallway.
- Pest Control person determined that there were no living ants in the ceiling. He suspects it was a failed colony but placed ant traps at the west door entrance.
- 25 RASC 2023 calendars ordered.
- SkyNews magazines ordered.
- Motion: Allocate \$700 to purchase an 8 camera wired surveillance system with cameras located in the hallway, outside the main door, dome room, facing gate, facing observing deck, classroom, facing southwest towards the trail, one spare. **System would be disabled when the alarm system is inactive.**
- Moved: Malhar Seconded Gil Carried
- Motion: Allocate \$200 to purchase a CCD CLS filter for the Canon DSLR. This filter will reduce the effects of light pollution, capture more IR light and nebulosity.
- Moved: Malhar Seconded: Gil Carried
- The SkyX received from Bob. Still waiting for MaximDL licensing information.
- Brochures to be updated and printed once website address is resolved.
- Discussed various options for printing a limited number of PeGASus newsletters for handout at the observatory.
- Purchase face masks and hand sanitizer.
- **Observatory to reopen to the public on Friday, September 2. Volunteers required.**

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

- The next business meeting PGC211 will be held on Wednesday September 14, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday September 10, 2022.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.