

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC211 Business Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022**

Date: September 14, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Maurice Sluka

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

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

Members Present:

Meeting Called to Order at 7:38pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC210

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of August 10, 2022.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rob Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Need volunteers and presenters for open houses.

b. Vice President (Maurice)

- See Media relations report.

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Processed the mail.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2022-08-31

 General Account Balance \$10422.40

 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 (Rob)

- Membership fees to be increased by \$15.

- RASC 2023 calendars are being printed.

- The SkyNews shipper has been changed to a third party.

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

Webmaster Report –Glen

- Website is being updated regularly.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Rob

- Software inventory was done on Alcyone.

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report – Glen

- Several red dot finder batteries were replaced.
- Headlamp batteries were replaced.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- The sky needs to be mapped to improve locating stellar objects. The present condition results in delays centering objects for the public to view. Tracking is accurate.

Grounds and Building Report - Glen

- Will work with Jim Van Doren on the lower shutter cable spooling problem.
- A minor roof leak was repaired.
- Blockbuster emptied the sewage holding tank.
- The observatory grounds were mowed.
- There are no ants in the hallway ceiling.

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 – Glen

- Open houses on September 2nd and 9th were attended by a total of 40 visitors.

PeGASus Newsletter – Gil

- Looking for a suitable editor program to produce the newsletter.

5. Old Business

- The light barrier installation 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 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

6. New Business

- Modify parking lot lights to reduce glare. Maurice to contact Lane Logan for suggestions.
Motion: Allocate \$5000 for classroom shingle replacement. Work to be done in early October.
Funds to come from the club account.

Moved: Glen Seconded Malhar Carried

- Motion: Allocate USD\$149 for the purchase of the PinPoint Astrometrics program. This will replace the non-functional TPoint program. Funds to come from the gaming account.

Moved: Malhar Seconded: Glen Carried.

- 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.
- Install an AC surge suppressor in the breaker subpanel.
- Schedule a trip to the Tabor observatory to evaluate road condition and location to bury the demolished remains of the old observatory.
- Water cooler was sterilized.
- Security camera purchase deferred until the 2023 fiscal year.
- Scope loan procedure reviewed.
- Donation of surplus telescopes to SD57 (Prince George) and SD91 (Nechako Lakes) discussed.
- Establishing a partnership with other telescope sites discussed.
- Establishing a relationship with the Native Friendship Centre discussed.

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

- A consensus on conducting a hybrid AGM (Zoom and on-site) was not reached.
- The next business meeting PGC212 will be held on Wednesday October 12, 2022 starting at 7:00 pm using Zoom.

- Prince George Centre 2022 AGM to be held on Wednesday October 12, 2022 starting at 7:30pm

- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday October 9, 2022.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.