

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

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**PGC212 Business Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2022**

Date: October 12, 2022  
Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar  
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris  
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Gil, Rob, Maurice, Dave  
Members Present: 6  
Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC211**

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of September 14, 2022.

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Gil                      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 mail as required.
- Preparing to file the 2022 Gaming Account Summary Report
- Preparing to submit the 2022 Registered Charities Tax Return.
- Preparing the 2022 gaming grant request.

**d. Treasurer (Glen)**

- CWB account balances as of 2022-09-30
  - General Account Balance    \$9874.20
  - \$5000 of the General Account balance is restricted for removal of the Tabor Mountain observatory.
  - Gaming Account Balance    \$241.15
  - \$7162.60 of the \$8500 Robotic Telescope Project budget has been spent.
- Applied for the 2020-2021 GST Rebate. Should receive \$70.78.
- Applied for the 2021-2022 GST Rebate. Should receive \$158.20.

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Rob                      Carried

#### **e. National Representative Report (Rob)**

- No activity this month.

#### **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.
- Working on securing the network and Wi-Fi.

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

- StarBlast Telescope 5 requires collimation. The focuser is binding.

##### **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.
- The classroom roof was re-shingled.
- The AC surge suppressor was installed.

##### **Media Relations Report – Maurice and Malhar**

- Our Night Sky features being recorded remotely and MP3 file e-mailed to CFIS, for Monday 10:30 am broadcast.
- Interview with CKPG Today. Available for viewing on the [CKPGToday.ca](http://CKPGToday.ca) Facebook page.
- UNBC student tour. 14 enthusiastic individuals.

##### **Outreach – Glen**

- A total of 122 visitors attended the five Public Open Houses in September.

##### **PeGASus Newsletter – Gil**

- Some progress.

#### **5. Old 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.

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

- PinPoint Astrometrics program purchased.
- Install ACP for polar alignment and sky mapping.
- Collaborating with Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) for up to \$15K grant funding.
- Collaborate with UNBC, CNC, local schools, and the Native Friendship Centre.
- Road trip to Tabor observatory made. Looking for another contractor for the demolition.

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

- The next business meeting PGC213 will be held on Wednesday November 9, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday November 6, 2022.

#### **8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.