

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

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**PGC214 Business Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022**

Date: December 14, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Rob, Maurice

Members Present: Rebecca

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC213

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of November 16, 2022.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Maurice Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Will collaborate soon with Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) for up to \$15K grant funding.

b. Vice President (Maurice)

- See Media relations report.

- Will deliver light shield sheet metal when conditions improve.

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Processed mail as required.

- Submitted the 2022-2023 gaming grant request. Awaiting Gaming's decision.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2022-11-30

 General Account Balance \$10305.48

 \$5000 of the General Account balance is restricted for removal of the Tabor Mountain observatory. Approximate total cost is \$12500.

 Gaming Account Balance \$662.81

 \$7162.60 of the \$8500 Robotic Telescope Project budget has been spent.

- Maurice to contact contractors regarding reimbursement for returned roofing material and revised labour costs.

e. National Representative Report (Rob)

- The RASC Green Laser Pointer (GLP) license is being renewed and will require recertification of all Centre members using the equipment.
- National Centre Reps will meet more often with National Executive reps next year.

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

Webmaster Report –Glen

- Website is being updated regularly.
- Will update the website with recovered data from the original hacked website as time permits.

Computers and A/V Equipment Report – Rob

- Working on securing the network and Wi-Fi.
- Problem connecting to network peripheral equipment (I.R. dome camera, Digital Loggers, Davis Weather System equipment) to be troubleshot when time and personnel availability align with the stars ☺

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report – Glen

- StarBlast Telescope 5 requires collimation. The focuser is binding.
- Malhar and Ken to attempt cleaning the donated 11” Celestron primary mirror.

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

- The dome can only be moved using the large grey control box. Will troubleshoot when the weather warms up. Dome shutters are unaffected.
- The telephone system was upgraded to Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP).
- The building alarm system was upgraded.
- The parking lot and viewing deck are being cleared of snow as required.

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.

Outreach – Glen

- A total of 40 visitors attended the five Public Open Houses in November.
- One tour resulted in 8 visitors.
- Good volunteer attendance.
- CKPGToday interview December 7, 2022. Aurora were discussed.
- CKPGToday interview October 10, 2022. On-site at the observatory.
- Malhar to be interviewed by CKPG on Friday December 16. Subject may be Mars and Jupiter.
- Open house presentations lined up for 2023 January 13th (Supernovae) and 20th (Orion), but require one for January 27th.

5. Old Business

- Turbo's Contracting has confirmed they will demolish the Tabor Mountain Observatory as soon as there is road access next year.
- Main telescope to be called the 'Bob Nelson Telescope' with a plaque commemorating his many years of service with the Prince George Astronomical Society.

6. New Business

- Telescope was commemorated on December 3rd. 19 people attended.
- Malhar to contact Exploration Place and discuss collaborating with them.
- Square on-site payment application installed on the Centre iPad.

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

- The next business meeting PGC215 will be held on Wednesday January 11, 2023 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday January 1, 2023.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.