

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC215 Business Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023**

Date: January 11, 2023
Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Rob, Maurice, Gil
Members Present: Dave
Meeting Called to Order at 7:40pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC214

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

Moved: Glen Seconded: Gil Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Reached out to Exploration Place regarding collaboration. No response to date.

b. Vice President (Maurice)

- See Media relations report.

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 2022-12-31

General Account Balance \$9577.38

\$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.

Received \$400 back from the roofing contractor due to an overestimate of labour hours.

This amount is not reflected in the general account balance.

Motion: To accept the treasurer's report of January 11, 2023.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Maurice Carried

e. National Representative Report (Rob)

- Nothing to report.

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, Sentinel computer, All-Sky camera) to be troubleshot when time and personnel availability align with the stars ☺

Observing and Small Scopes Maintenance Report – Glen

- StarBlast Telescope SB5 returned to service.

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 hand pad dome rotation problem has been resolved.
- The parking lot and viewing deck are being cleared of snow as required.
- The phone hasn't worked since the alarm system was installed. Will troubleshoot with Telus.

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.
- CKPGToday [interview](#) with Malhar.

Outreach – Glen

- Open houses resume on January 13th (Supernovae). January 20th (Orion), require one for January 27th.
- Zion Lutheran Church school tour on Wednesday, January 25th at 7pm. 20-25 people expected.

Grants and Funding – Glen

- Investigating the possibility of receiving funding from the Community Services Recovery Fund recently announced by the federal government.

5. Old 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.

6. New Business

- Ben Dorman (Friends of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Victoria) will be invited to the February 8th business meeting to discuss funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada.
- RASCPG Centre expects to be invited to participate in the [Central Interior Science Exhibition](#) on March 4. If you want to be a judge or certificate presenter (PRC's from the RCMP are required),

contact me and I'll forward your contact information. We have participated for many years. A maximum of two RASC 1-year youth memberships are awarded to the winner(s) of the Exhibition.

- Motion: Deposit funds received from the roofing contractor and RoofMart (return of unused material) into the Tabor Observatory removal Restricted Funds account.

Motion: Rob Seconded: Maurice Carried

- Fire extinguishers need to be checked.
- Consider purchasing a defibrillator when funds allow.

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

- The next business meeting PGC216 will be held on Wednesday February 8, 2023 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday February 5, 2023.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.