

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA  
PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

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**PGC216 Business Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2023**

Date: February 8, 2023  
Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar  
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris  
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Gil, Maurice, Rob  
Members Present: Shannon  
Meeting Called to Order at 7:30pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC215**

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of January 11, 2023.

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Gil                      Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Malhar)**

- Resigned from the National Board of Directors.

**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 2022-01-31

    General Account Balance   \$9786.82

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

    Gaming Account Balance   \$579.11

Motion: To accept the treasurer's report of February 8, 2023.

Moved: Rob                      Seconded: Gil                      Carried

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

- PG Centre requested to complete a poll for the National Council regarding the financial challenges faced by RASC National.

#### **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**

- Require a second router for public WIFI.

##### **0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report - Glen**

- The primary and secondary mirrors require cleaning.

##### **Grounds and Building Report - Glen**

- The parking lot and viewing deck are being cleared of snow as required.
- The phone is working again.
- Snow was removed from the flat roof.

##### **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 interviewed Malhar on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Outreach - Glen**

- 156 visitors including 43 children at the January Open Houses. 22 people including 9 children at the one tour we hosted.
- Mike will be hosting 'Introduction to Astronomy' courses in March. Parents and child(ren) on Sunday, March 5, adults only on March 19. The events are advertised on social media (Proudly PG, Hell Yeah Prince George! Events in PG, What's Happening Prince George? and the Prince George Astronomical Society) and notices will be placed at UNBC, CNC, and City Hall.
- For those of you interested in the Prince George Astronomy Association Facebook page stats, email me and I'll send them to you.
- Vanderhoof Home Schooling Tour scheduled for Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Grants and Funding - Glen**

- Haven't had the opportunity to investigate the possibility of receiving funding from the Community Services Recovery Fund recently announced by the federal government.

#### **5. Old Business**

- Ben Dorman (Friends of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Victoria) will be invited to the February 8<sup>th</sup> 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
- Rob to check the fire extinguishers.
- Consider purchasing a defibrillator when funds allow.

## **6. New Business**

- Portable water tank required. Will attempt to source one locally.
- Malhar to contact Vikki Zsohar regarding her availability to give a presentation in March or April on the Aurora Borealis.
- Requesting personnel to present awards and/or judge at the Central Interior Science Exhibition on March 4. Police Record Check required.
- Clean the primary and secondary mirrors and re-collimate the primary mirror prior to the mirror cover assembly installation.
- Rob to check the fire extinguishers.
- Invite Ben Dorman to the next business meeting.
- Malhar to approach the PG Symphony to see if some of them would be interested in playing music in the dome during the Perseid Meteor shower in August.
- The PeGaSuS newsletter has been put on hold indefinitely.
- Maurice followed up with RoofMart regarding reimbursement for unused materials.

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

- The next business meeting PGC217 will be held on Wednesday March 8, 2023 starting at 7:30 pm using Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday March 5, 2023.

## **8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.