

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC220 Business Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2023**

Date: August 9, 2023
Location: Observatory

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Ian, Robyn, Rebecca
Members Present: Maria

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC219

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of May 10, 2023.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Robyn Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Malhar to give a presentation on September 25 in Fort St. James.
- Collaborating soon with Tracy at Exploration Place.

b. Vice President (Vacant)

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Processed mail as required.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2023-07-31
 - General Account Balance \$13044.83
 - Internally Restricted Fund Account \$6000.00 (Tabor Mtn. Observatory removal)
 - Gaming Account Balance \$2032.72
- GST rebate of \$10.98 was deposited into the General Account.
- GST rebate of \$106.81 was deposited into the Gaming Account.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report of July 31, 2023.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rebecca Carried

e. National Representative Report (Malhar)

- National Council meeting to be held in early September.
- RASC National President is Michael Watson.
- RASC National Executive Director is Jenna Hinds.

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

Webmaster Report - Glen

- Website is being updated regularly.

Community Involvement (Robyn)

- Work with Jennifer at UNBC, City of PG, RASC national council and possibly RDFFG to establish an urban star park in Prince George.
- Work with the Prince George Native Friendship Centre to establish the wording for acknowledgement of traditional territory at public functions.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report - Glen

- The 0.61m telescope was collimated.
- Send 0.61 mirror to Victoria for recoating next summer.

Grounds and Building Report – Glen

- Work bee held on August 5.
- Weed whacking and mowing is complete.
- South classroom gable trim was scraped and painted.
- Gas pipe scraped and painted.
- Most of the grout has been scraped and painted.
- General cleanup done.
- Classroom is configured for open houses.
- Portable 1000L water tank obtained.

Media Relations Report - Gil and Malhar

- The Night Sky features being recorded remotely and MP3 file e-mailed to CFIS, for Monday 10:30 am broadcast.
- CKPGToday interviewed Malhar twice in July.

Outreach - Glen

- Observatory was closed from April 15 until August 11.
- Observatory will be open for the Perseid Meteor shower on August 11, 12 and 13.
- Regular Friday night open houses will recommence on September 1. This will allow time to train open house volunteers.
- Nova Voce choir will perform in the dome in early October.
- Malhar to give a presentation on September 25 in Fort St. James.

Training - Glen

- Open house training to commence when night sky conditions are favourable. Focus will be on familiarization with the night sky and the use of telescopes and the laser pointer. Any one interested in attending please contact me directly at g_harris@telus.net. Notice will usually be quite short based on the current sky conditions.

5. Old Business

- Motion: Authorize spending up to \$250 for four new fire extinguishers.
Moved: Gil Seconded: Maurice Carried
- Work Bee Saturday, May 27 to clean out the basement, repaint the building grout, general cleanup of the building interior, wash and paint dome.
- Appoint Robyn and Rebecca as temporary directors.

6. New Business

- Need volunteers and presenters for open house events.
- Four new fire extinguishers were purchased and installed.
- Re-appointed Robyn and Rebecca as temporary directors per PGAS bylaws.

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

- The next business meeting PGC221 will be held on Wednesday September 13, 2023 starting at 7:30 pm at the observatory
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday September 10, 2023.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.