

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

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**PGC221 Business Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2023**

Date: September 13, 2023

Location: Zoom meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Robyn, Rebecca, Gil, Rob

Members Present: Dave

Meeting Called to Order at 7:40 pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC220**

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of August 9, 2023.

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Gil                      Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Malhar)**

- Malhar gave a presentation on August 25 in Fort St. James.
- Working on spectrograph.
- Won't be re-aluminizing the 0.61m mirror this year.

**b. Vice President (Vacant)**

**c. Secretary (Glen)**

- Processed mail as required.
- Requested RASC 2024 Observers Calendar bulk order cost. No response to date.
- Ordered more red flashlights.

**d. Treasurer (Glen)**

- CWB account balances as of 2023-08-31
  - General Account Balance    \$14,976.11
  - Internally Restricted Fund Account    \$6000.00 (Tabor Mtn. Observatory removal)
  - Gaming Account Balance    \$2032.72

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

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Gil                      Carried

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

##### **Webmaster Report - Glen**

- Website is being updated regularly.
- Public Open House notifications are posted on various social media sites and on the Centre web site.

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

- The 0.61m telescope finders and Mallincam were centred.

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

- Repaired the loose main entrance door locking mechanism.
- Installed a 4' LED light fixture above the basement work bench.

##### **Media Relations Report - Gil and Malhar**

- The Night Sky features being recorded remotely and MP3 files e-mailed to CFIS, for Monday 10:30 am broadcast.

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

- 316+ visitors on Perseids weekend (3 evenings).
- 4 volunteers at August 8 work bee.
- 13 visitors from Native Friendship Centre for tour.
- Malhar and Robyn did a presentation in Fort St. James on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Messier Marathon Saturday September 16.
- Checking into RASC NOVA program. No response yet.
- NASA International Observe the Moon Saturday October 21.

##### **Training – Glen**

- Training of 3 members began. Focus was on telescope basics, sky familiarization, and open house duties.

##### **Observing and Small Telescope Report - Glen**

- The 3 observing deck 4" StarBlaster telescopes, 6" Orion, 6" white telescope, 8" black telescope, 10" bronze telescope, 'Gerhard's home built 10" Dobsonian telescope are collimated and red dot finders adjusted.
- Two of the 4" StarBlaster telescopes require collimation.
- The 10" 'BobToo' home built blue Dobsonian telescope has been extensively modified, collimated, and Telrad adjusted.

##### **Grants and Funding Committee Report – Glen**

- Spending proposals for 2023-2024 Gaming application required before October 11<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Computer and AV Equipment Report – Rob**

- Will work on internal web site, transitioning software to new computer from Alcyone.

##### **Robotic Telescope Project (RTP) report – Rob and Glen**

- Will work on dome shutter motor control, mirror cover mechanism.

## **5. Old 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.
- The contractor for demolishing the old observatory is having difficulty acquiring a breaker bar for his equipment.

## **6. New Business**

- Spending proposals for 2023-2024 Gaming application required before October 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Baldy Hughes Therapeutic Centre wants to book a tour.
  - **Prince George Astronomical Society 2023 AGM will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday October 11, 2023 via Zoom.**
  - Motion: Issue building keys to Rebecca
- Moved: Gil                      Seconded: Dave                      Carried
- Rob donated a 100' strip of red LED lights for use on the sidewalk hand rails.

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

- The next business meeting PGC222 will be held on Wednesday October 11, 2023 starting at 7 pm via Zoom.
- The 2023 AGM will follow at 7:30 pm via Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday October 8, 2023.

## **8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.