

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

**7365 Tedford Road  
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**PGC222 Business Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2023**

Date: October 11, 2023  
Location: Zoom meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar  
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris  
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Robyn, Rebecca, Gil, Rob  
Members Present: Pat, Shannon

Meeting Called to Order at 6:31 pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC221**

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

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Rob                      Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Malhar)**

- Tours for UNBC, Native Friendship Centre, Northern BC Therapeutic Community - Connective Support Society.
- Collaborating with UNBC to create an urban star park.

**b. Vice President (Vacant)**

**c. Secretary (Glen)**

- Processed mail as required.
- Ordered 2024 RASC Observers Calendars.

**d. Treasurer (Glen)**

- CWB account balances as of 2023-09-30
  - General Account Balance    \$465.68
  - Gaming Account Balance    \$49.36
- The Tabor Mtn. observatory was demolished and debris buried on site at a cost of \$12,600. The \$6000 internally restricted fund was applied to the payment. The balance was paid from the general account.
- Funds were transferred from the gaming account to the general account to cover gaming expenses paid from the general account.
- Submitted the application for a \$389.33 GST rebate.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report of September 30, 2023.

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Gil                      Carried

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

- 91,000 under budget so far which means we are on track for no more than a 300,000 deficit for 2023.
  - 4825 members. Membership has increased as well as the fee increase.
  - Better than expected membership fees.
  - Sold remote telescope. \$30000US = \$41000CDN.
  - Possible partnerships to ease cost of rent.
  - Expense workplan is nearing completion, working on fundraising.
  - 15-16 employees now down to 4.
  - Finance and office manager, instead of a third party to take on some of the accounting roll.
  - NOVA made available to Centres Oct 15 +. Some copyright issues with images to be completed.
  - Comments on Council terms of reference and responsibilities - oct 31 - Policy C-11
- Dealing with problem members. Policy on harassment, and respect. Dealing with members. dealing with public.
- Check with RCMP office for recommendations

#### **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.
- Added new 'Photo of the Month' website page.
- Added new 'Our Night Sky' website page.

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

- No current issues.

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

- Adjusted the west gate post to allow easier lock access.

##### **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**

- 176 visitors at the observatory in September, 213.75 manhours accumulated.
- Fiscal year visitor total is 1418, manhours totaled 1217.8 for public outreach activities.
- RASC NOVA program printed material is not available to Centres due to copyright issues.
- NASA International Observe the Moon Saturday October 21.

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

- A Criterion 8" fork mount Schmidt Cassegrain Telescope c/w tripod and eyepieces was donated to the Centre.

##### **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 Graffius' from 'Alcyone'.

### **5. Old 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 7:15 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.
- Spending proposals for 2023-24 gaming application required by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **6. New Business**

- Tabor observatory has been demolished. Awaiting word from Ministry of Forests re acceptance of the work.
- Tabled the discussion of telescope loans and telescope sales.
- Look into collaborating with UNBC astronomy instructor.
- Partial Solar Eclipse event at the observatory on Saturday, October 14 starting at 8 am.
- NASA 2023 International Lunar Observing event at the observatory on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 pm.

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

- The next business meeting PGC223 will be held on Wednesday November 8, 2023 starting at 7:30pm via Zoom.
- The 2023 AGM will follow at 7:30 pm via Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday November 5, 2023.

### **8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.