

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

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**PGC226 Business Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2024**

Date: April 10, 2024

Location: Zoom meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

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

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC225**

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of March 13, 2024.

Moved: Glen    Seconded: Gil            Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Malhar)**

- Waiting for contact from Nancy Harris of AccessBC.

**b. Vice President (Gil)**

- Our Night Sky episodes are being sent to CFIS radio.

**c. Secretary (Glen)**

- Processed mail as required.

**d. Treasurer (Glen)**

- CWB account balances as of 2024-03-31

    General Account Balance    \$778.41

    Gaming Account Balance    \$8904.80

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report of April 10, 2024.

Moved: Glen            Seconded: Rob            Carried

**e. National Representative (Rob)**

- Next meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Preparing a National Council Welcome guide.

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

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

- Updated as required.

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

- No issues

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

- Water tanks need to be filled up.

##### **Media Relations Report - Gil**

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

##### **Outreach – Glen**

- 5 open houses with a total of 111 visitors; 2 tours with a total of 44 visitors. Volunteer hours totaled 168.75 hours for March.

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

- No issues.

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

- No issues

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

- Robotic Telescope Project Committee – Ongoing -No updates.

- UNBC Photography Club Tour – March 24.

- Clean the 0.6m mirror in June.

- Motion: Malhar to meet with Nancy Harris of AccessBC to arrange an accessibility assessment of the observatory. Moved: Rob      Seconded: Gil      Carried

- Possible areas of improvement

- Addition of a dome area stairlift.
- Sidewalk to southeast pier
- Concrete pad surrounding the southeast pier.
- Two paved handicapped parking spots.
- Extension of the north exit ramp.
- Requirement for two articulating eyepieces.

- Explore funding opportunities to enhance accessibility at the Observatory. (Require a person dedicated to writing proposals).

1) Fraser-Fort George Endowment Grant

2) Other Fraser-Fort George Community Grants

3) Recreation Foundation of British Columbia Grant Program

4) New Horizons for Seniors Program

5) PacifiCan Funding

6) Community Economic Development and Diversification in British Columbia

## **6. New Business**

- Last open house event on April 12th.
- BC Craft Farmers Cooperative Tour on April 20th.
- Motion: Look into the feasibility of mounting the 14" scope on the southwest pier and protecting with a modified used Sea Can.

Moved: Gil    Seconded: Rebecca    Carried

Approved motion tabled.

- Wash and paint the dome this summer.
- Wash the 0.6m mirror in June.
- Plan a barbeque for late spring/early summer.
- Open houses for the Perseids on August 9, 10, 11.

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

- The next business meeting PGC227 will be held on Wednesday May 8, 2024 starting at 7:30pm via Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday May 5, 2024.

## **8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.