

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**7365 Tedford Road
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**PGC227 Business Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2024**

Date: May 15, 2024

Location: Zoom meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

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

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC225

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of April 10, 2024.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rob 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 2024-04-30

 General Account Balance \$601.52

 Gaming Account Balance \$8904.86

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

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rebecca Carried

e. National Representative (Rob)

- RASC General Assembly was on May 4, 5.

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

Webmaster Report - Glen

- Updated WordPress to Version 6.5.2

- Updated plugins as required.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- No issues

Grounds and Building Report - Glen

- Toilet water is black and smells like Sulphur.
- Sediment in holding tanks needs to be siphoned out.

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

- 2 open houses with a total of 46 visitors; 1 tour of 28 visitors. Volunteer hours totaled 78 hours for April.

Computer and AV Equipment Report – Glen

- No issues.

Observing and Small Telescope Report – Glen

- No issues

5. Old 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.

6. New Business

- Work Bee on Saturday June 8th @ 9:00am. Work includes lawn mowing, weed whacking, fence repair, finish painting grout on south wall, siphon sediment from holding tanks, basement cleanup, wash primary mirror.
- Potluck barbeque on Sunday June 9th at 5pm.
- Observatory opens for Perseids on August 9, 10, 11.
- Observatory Friday open houses start on September 6th.

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

- The next business meeting PGC228 will be held on Wednesday September 11, 2024 starting at 7:30pm via Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday September 8, 2024.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.