

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC228 Business Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2024**

Date: August 16, 2024
Location: Zoom meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar
Recording Secretary: Glen Harris
Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Rebecca, Gil
Meeting Called to Order at 7:33pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC227

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of May 15, 2024.
Moved: Glen Seconded: Gil Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Waiting for contact from Nancy Harris of AccessBC.
- Post a No Substance Abuse sign.

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 2024-07-31
 - General Account Balance \$2499.45
 - Gaming Account Balance \$6404.36
- Transferred \$2500 from gaming to the regular account to cover utilities.
- Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report of August 5, 2024.
- Moved: Glen Seconded: Carried

e. National Representative (Rob)

- All quiet in the eastern front.

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

Webmaster Report - Glen

- Updated WordPress to Version 6.6.1
- Updated plugins as required.

- Saved a backup.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- No issues

Grounds and Building Report - Glen

- Work bees included removing basement clutter, main floor and dome room cleaning, addition of 3 sections of the fence, lawn mowing.
- Drained, pressure washed, sanitized and refilled the five water holding tanks.
- Installed an in-line water filter for the holding tank water system.
- There was evidence of a firepit built with cinder blocks at the south end of the driveway and 5m from the bush.

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 – Malhar

- Prince George Public Library has requested that Malhar give a couple of talks at the library in November.

Computer and AV Equipment Report – Rob

- Graffias computer has been rebuilt to Win11 standards.

Observing and Small Telescope Report – Glen

- Replaced several red dot finder batteries.

Grants and Funding Report

- Gaming request funding items required.

5. Old 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.

6. New Business

- Purchased LED light strings for the four viewing deck piers. This will eliminate the pier collision hazard during night time viewing events and provide some low intensity red light for visibility on the viewing deck.
- RASC National has developed a laser pointer user/spotter training/certification program. Centre instructor training will be via Zoom in September. Glen will attend.
- Observatory grounds need to mowed and weed whacked before the September 6 open house.

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

- The next business meeting PGC229 will be held on Wednesday October 11, 2024 starting at 7:30pm via Zoom.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday October 7, 2024.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 8:48 at pm.