

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC229 Business Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2024**

Date: September 11, 2024

Location: Zoom meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

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

Meeting Called to Order at 7:32 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC228

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of August 16, 2024.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Gil Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Dome sync problem has been resolved.
- Will be applying for a \$20K Gathering Place Grant through United Way.
- Presenters needed for open houses
- Tour of 8-9 people scheduled for Friday, Sept 20. Malhar will do the talk.

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 2024-08-31

 General Account Balance \$2404.19

 Gaming Account Balance \$6404.36

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report of September 11, 2024.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Rebecca Carried

e. National Representative (Rob)

- Nothing to report

**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

- Replaced 2 classroom fluorescent light ballasts
- Installed a bathroom fan timer.

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

- August 9,10,11 Perseid Meteor Shower count was 139 visitors and 73 volunteer hours.

Computer and AV Equipment Report – Rob

- Rob tested the AV equipment at his place. One device needed to be returned. Additional equipment will be ordered.

Observing and Small Telescope Report – Glen

- No issues.

Grants and Funding Report

- Gaming request funding items required.

5. Old 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 be mowed and weed whacked before the September 6 open house.

6. New Business

- Robotic Telescope Project Committee - **Ongoing - No Updates.**
- Presenters needed for Friday's Open House Events
- No Substance Use Sign posted.
- Discussed mounting the 14" scope on southwest pier and protecting with modified used Sea Can.
- Microsoft 365 to be investigated
- New computer required for the classroom
- Gaming Grant Budget planning
- Dome-telescope sync issue resolved
- **The 2024 AGM to be held immediately following the next business meeting. Please attend the AGM as a high attendance number is important when applying for a community gaming grant.**
- If you are interested in holding a position on the board of directors, please contact me via email.

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

- The next business meeting PGC230 will be held on Wednesday October 9, 2024 starting at 7:00pm via Zoom. **The 2024 AGM will follow at 7:30 pm**
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday October 6, 2024.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.