

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC234 Business Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2025**

Date: March 12, 2025

Location: Teams meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Rebecca, Gil

Meeting Called to Order at 7:41 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC233

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of February 12, 2025.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Rebecca Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- PGCOS tours on March 29 and April 12
- Lunar Eclipse Radio interview on March 13

b. Vice President (Gil)

- Our Night Sky episodes are being sent to CFIS 93.1 radio weekly.

c. Secretary (Glen)

- Processed Canada Post mail as required.

d. Treasurer (Glen)

- CWB account balances as of 2025-02-28

 General Account Balance \$3435.24

 Gaming Account Balance \$7026.05

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Rebecca Seconded: Gil Carried

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

Webmaster Report - Glen

- Updated to reflect current Open House and Our Night Sky information.
- Plugins updated. Core program updated to v 6.7.2
- Full backup saved monthly to Prince George Centre Google Documents.
- Website moved to new server.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- The 24” telescope is working well.
- No dome rotation problems.

Grounds and Building Report – Glen

- The water tanks were empty at the February 14 public open house. Checked all water pipes and holding tanks for leakage, toilet flush flap for problems. None found. Adjusted the toilet float level to prevent water from constantly flowing very slowly into the overflow tube and refilled tanks.

Media Relations Report - Gil

- Our Night Sky episodes being recorded remotely and MP3 files e-mailed to CFIS 93.1 radio for Monday 10:30 am broadcast.

Outreach – Glen

- February 7: Open house – 2 visitors, 5 volunteers
- February 14: Open House - 31 visitors 9 volunteers
- February 21: Open house - 9 visitors 4 volunteers
- February 28: Open House - 127 visitors 10 volunteers

Computer and AV Equipment Report –Glen

- Voyager System Integration Software for Observatory Automation program was purchased.

Observing and Small Telescope Report – Glen

- Cleaned the mirrors and collimated SB 2, 3, 5 and the 6” Orion telescopes.

5. Old Business

- Presenters needed for Friday’s Open House Events
- Malhar is scheduled to meet with InsightTV Production on February 12th to explore a potential collaboration on a TV challenge show for 8th-grade students. The show will focus on astronomy, likely involving supernova searches and colour index calculations.

Motion: Designate Malhar to continue collaborating with InsightTV.

Moved; Gil Seconded: Rebecca

- PGCOS Volunteer Tour on Saturday, March 29th and Saturday, April 12th
- Microsoft 365 Demo – Rob
- General discussion on implementation of SeaCan installation. Gil will be the point person on this project.

From the National Report:

- Training course for laser pointers - train the trainer. Require centre executive to approve the person taking the course. Inform Jenna if we are "sending" someone on Feb. 22 at noon PST.

- Motion: Authorize Glen Harris to take the laser pointer trainer course.

Moved: Rob Seconded: Gil Carried

- Remove 24” mirror cover and run the circulating fans to remove ice from the mirror.

6. New Business

- Presenters needed for Friday’s Open House Events
- Lunar Eclipse on March 13th
- Messier Marathon on March 22nd
- PGCOS Volunteer Tour on March 29th and April 12th
- InsightTV Production - Updates will be provided (if any)

- Potential tour for DP Todd in March or early April
- Cancel the Zoom account.

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

- The next business meeting PGC234 will be held on Wednesday April 9, 2025 starting at 7:30 pm VIA Teams.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday, April 6, 2025.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.