

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE**

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**PGC236 Business Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2025**

Date: May 21, 2025

Location: Teams meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

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

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC235

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of April 9, 2025.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Gil Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Will call Exploration Place regarding Canada Day.
- RASC added Malhar to the Citizen Science Committee.

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 2025-04-30

General Account Balance \$4045.51

Gaming Account Balance \$6619.64

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Seconded: Carried

e. National Rep (Rob)

- See attachment

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

Webmaster Report - Glen

- Updated to reflect current Open House and Our Night Sky information.
- Core program updated to v6.8.1

- Plugins updated.
- Full backup saved monthly to Prince George Centre Google Documents.

0.6m Telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- The 24” telescope is working well.
- Binding problem with the main dome shutter was resolved.
- Upper dome shutter ‘opened’ limit switch needs to be reattached.

Grounds and Building Report – Glen

- The dome hallway dimmer switch needs to be replaced.
- Dome room motion sensor caused a false alarm.
- Dave dug a ditch to redirect water from a spring located on the southeast corner of the west parking lot.
- Removed a wasp nest in the dome.

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

- April 4: Open house - 33 visitors, 8 volunteers
- April 11: Open house- 10 visitors, 7 volunteers
- April 12: Prince George Council of Seniors tour- 31 visitors, 4 volunteers
- April 18: Open House - 18 visitors, 7 volunteers

Observing and Small Telescope Report – Glen

- Celestron Nexstar 6SE SCT Go-To telescope red dot finder aligned. Set the scope up on a pier but had great difficulty achieving precision 2-star alignment. Planetary and lunar images are exceptional.
- The Meade 17” Go-To scope needs to be collimated.

5. Old Business

- Robotic Telescope Project Committee - **Ongoing - No Updates.**
- Spectrograph Updates - Malhar will work on it over the summer
- Last open house event on April 18th
- PGCOS tour on April 12th
- Solar viewing events in summer.
- Microsoft Teams training required.
- Zoom account cancelled.
- Need to focus on dome/telescope automation over the summer. Enlist more volunteers if possible.
- Wash the 24” mirror after tours are done.
- Wash and possibly paint the dome exterior this summer.
- Possibly participate in the Canada Day event at Lheidli T'enneh Park

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- No updates on Canada Day event at Lheidli T'enneh Park.
Planning meeting Sunday, August 10 at 7:30 pm via teams.
Discussion regarding the SeaCan project.
Mirror cleaning June 14 at 1 pm weather permitting.

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

- The next business meeting PGC237 will be held on Wednesday August 20, 2025 starting at 7:30 pm VIA Teams.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday, August 17, 2025.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at pm