

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC237 Business Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2025**

Date: August 20, 2025

Location: Teams meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Gil, Rebecca, Rob

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC236

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of May 21, 2025.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Rebecca Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- No reply to the IREN Energy grant application.
- > 400 visitors for the Perseids.
- First open house event on Sept 5 @ 8 pm.

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 2025-07-31

General Account Balance \$3276.88

Gaming Account Balance \$6403.25

- Need to transfer \$4400 from Gaming to the General account.
- Need to spend ~ \$1500 from gaming before Sept 30.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Rebecca Carried

- Rebecca has offered to take over the treasurer's duties in the next fiscal year. Glen will provide training and both will participate in RASC's zoom training. National Office's Finance Manager, Nawed Asif, will be providing training on the basics of the Centre Treasurer role, on **September 18th at 11am PDT / 2pm EDT**. This training is intended to ensure all Centre Treasurers are aware of the duties in their role and how to find the information they need to complete their

duties. It is also meant to introduce prospective Treasurers to the requirements of being a Treasurer.

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 v6.8.2
- Plugins updated.
- Full backup saved monthly to Prince George Centre Google Documents.

Grounds and Building Report - Glen

- The dome hallway dimmer switch was replaced.
- The lawn was mowed many times.

Computers and AV Equipment Report – Rob

- Documenting existing network configuration in preparation for implementing new requirements.
- City of PG is donating switching and network equipment.
- Working on new 4 network configuration.
- Work in progress to replace classroom computer MAIA with new computer.

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.

5. Old Business

- Robotic Telescope Project Committee - **Ongoing - No Updates.**
- Spectrograph Updates - Malhar will work on it over the summer
- Solar viewing events in summer
- 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.

6. New Business

- Robotic Telescope Project Committee - **Ongoing - No Updates.**
- IREN energy grant application – no reply
- Perseid Meteor shower update. > 400 visitors over two evenings.
- First open house event will be on Friday, Sept 5 @ 8 pm. Malhar will do the presentation.
- Presenters needed for open house events.
- Wash and paint the dome exterior next year.
- Rob & Malhar to investigate modifying a SeaCan for our requirements.
- Re-aluminizing the primary mirror?
- Booking 3 new tours. CNC, UNBC, SD 57. Dates to be confirmed.
- **Motion:** Authorize spending ~ \$250 of ~~Gaming account~~ Club account funds for the purchase of:
 - 17 port USB hub
 - 100' HDMI cable
 - HDMI – USB adapter

Moved; Gil Seconded: Rebecca

New spending proposals

- Painting the dome (2025-2026 project)
- SBIG A08 (Adaptive Optics) (2025-2026 project)

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

- The next business meeting PGC238 will be held on Wednesday September 10, 2025 starting at 7:30 pm VIA Teams.
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday, September 7, 2025.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

NOTE: Motion amended to specify Club funds.