

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC238 Business Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2025**

Date: September 17, 2025

Location: Teams meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Glen Harris

Executives Present: Malhar, Glen, Rebecca, Robyn

Members Present: Ryan

Meeting Called to Order at 7:34 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC237

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of August 20, 2025.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rebecca Carried

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- \$10,000 IREN grant was approved.
- SD 57 tour on Saturday, October 18.

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 2025-08-31

General Account Balance \$3800.08

Gaming Account Balance \$6403.25

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rebecca Carried

e. Director (Rebecca)

- Rebecca will assume the role of treasurer at the AGM.

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

Observing and Small Telescopes Maintenance Report – Glen

- The Celestron 6" telescope can now be mounted and used on the southwest pier. A temporary dew shield was fabricated.

Webmaster Report - Glen

- Web site is offline. Trouble ticket generated.

Media Relations Report - Gil and Malhar

- Our Night Sky episodes being recorded remotely and MP3 files e-mailed to CFIS 93.1 radio for Monday 10:30 am broadcast.
- 2 interviews with CBC, interview with CKPG.

Grounds and Building Report - Glen

- The southwest pier plate was levelled and drilled to accept the Celestron 6" telescope.
- The bathroom towel holder was replaced.

0.6m telescope Maintenance Report – Glen

- No issues.

Tours and Public Outreach – Glen

- August 12 Perseids 180 visitors, 4 members
- August 13 Perseids 296 visitors, 5 members
- Several CKPG interviews

5. Old 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: Rob Seconded: Glen Carried

6. New Business

- Positions that need to be filled at the AGM – Secretary, Building Maintenance and Webmaster.
 - Outstanding invoices/receipts to be submitted to Glen ASAP.
 - SD57 Grade 10 students tour on Saturday, October 19.
 - Status of Microsoft 365 account.
 - **Motion:** Authorize the cost of ~ \$570 to re-key the observatory building and gate.
- Moved: Glen Seconded: Rebecca Carried
- **Motion:** Authorize the purchase of an ACER SA242Y 24" monitor Staples item # 3101979 to be used as a secondary monitor for Rebecca to assist in the Treasurer's function. Staples \$103.49 + taxes until Sept 18. Regular \$169.99. Ownership of monitor would remain with PG Centre.
- Moved: Glen Seconded: Ryan Carried
- \$ 10,000 IREN Grant application approval. Funds will be spent on the SeaCan project.

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

- The next business meeting PGC239 will be held on Wednesday October 15, 2025 starting at 7:00 pm VIA Teams. **AGM starts at 7:30 pm.**
- Please submit all agenda items to Malhar no later than Sunday, October 12, 2025

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm