

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA  
PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE  
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**PGC242 Business Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2026**

Date: February 11, 2026

Location: Google Meets meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Robyn Kendurkar

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

Members Present: Glen, Ryan

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC241**

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of January 21, 2026.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Glen Carried

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Malhar)**

- We received a sum of \$5,000 in gaming grant funds, because we failed to spend all the money in the general bank account during the 2025 fiscal year. We must prioritize spending money on projects by the end of 2026 fiscal year before applying for gaming grants again.
- Malhar submitted the updated report to Gaming.
- Malhar is working on writing a policy and procedures on PGAS Open House/Tours.
- Malhar will be meeting with some of his contacts for getting donations for 2026-27.
- Malhar will provide the update on Universal Observatory upon meeting with the funder to get quotes and details.
- Malhar will be getting a get well soon card for Ken and he will sign it on behalf of PGAS and deliver it to Ken. Gil suggested to purchase a small gift for Ken, of a 25-30\$ value.

**b. Vice President (Gil)**

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

**c. Secretary (Robyn)**

- Completed January Activity Summary report, and emailed out to Executive.
- Accessed RASC's Driven, reviewed membership details and emailed to the Executive as required. Downloaded the current membership list for January and emailed out to the Executive.-
- Prepared and submitted the In Kind hours report for January.

**d. Treasurer (Rebecca)**

- **National Bank** account balances as of 2026-01-31

General Account Balance     \$8,468.69

IREN Grant Restricted funds \$10,000.00

Gaming Account Balance     \$83.01

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Gil                    Seconded:    Glen    Carried

**e. Director (Rob)**

- Microsoft Account – Our Microsoft account has expired. Waiting on a scanned void check from Rebecca to be emailed to Malhar and Rob.

**f. National Representative (Rob)**

- None to report.

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

**Observing and Small Telescopes Maintenance Report – Malhar**

- The 4 inch and 6 inch Celestron telescopes are out on loan. 2 eyepieces went out, one with each telescope. Malhar is monitoring the loan status.

**Webmaster Report – Malhar**

- Keeping it up to date: Malhar continues to keep it up to date, and is working rewriting on the tour booking web page. Malhar backed up the website.

**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.

- Malhar will reach out to CFIS to propose increasing the length of time of the ONS broadcast.

**Grounds and Building Report – Malhar**

- Cleaned and removed rust build up from the toilet.

- Glen filled up the water tank and changed the water tank filter and added bleach to the tanks.

**0.6m telescope Maintenance Report – Malhar**

- No issues to report.

## **Tours and Public Outreach – Robyn**

- January 9 Open House: 29 visitors, 5 volunteers
- January 16 Open House: 36 visitors, 6 volunteers
- January 17 Tour: 9 visitors, 4 volunteers
- January 23 Open House: 28 visitors, 5 volunteers
- January 30 Open House: 27 visitors, 5 volunteers
- Total 4 open houses and one tour
- January Totals: 117 Adult visitors  
                  12 Child visitors  
                  129 Total visitors  
                  100 Volunteer hours

## **5. Old Business**

- SeaCan Project – The Universal Observatory (UO) updates: Once Malhar has met with the funder he will report back with updates.
- Gaming Account checks – Completed purchase of two stamps to update the checks: Rebecca has received one and Glen will deliver the second one to Rebecca on Friday at the observatory.
- Sage 50 Accounting program – Glen purchased (donated) an Acer computer for Rebecca to use to perform the financials, and installed the Sage 50 program on it.
- Gaming funds application – Malhar submitted it via the online portal – errors have been corrected. Rebecca reported that the funds have been deposited into the gaming account.
- Rob - noticed that the CRA has listed him as Robyn/Robin Woods.  
Action: Rebecca will need to complete a web form via the online process and submit changes to correct his name.

## **6. New Business**

- Presenters required for open house events
- There are currently two presenters, Malhar and Ken, Ken is unavailable to present at this time, more presenters are needed.
- Classroom gutter was installed on February 10 – on the west side of the classroom.
  - Messier Marathon – Malhar will schedule the event for March 14 at 7:30 and send out information to the membership.
- Gil – Upcoming moon and Mercury conjunction February 18.

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

- The next business meeting PGC 243 will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 starting at 7:30 pm VIA TBD.
- Please submit all agenda and financial items to Malhar no later than Sunday, March 7, 2026.

## **8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11