

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
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PRINCE GEORGE CENTRE  
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**PGC243 Business Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2026**

Date: March 11, 2026

Location: Google Meets meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Robyn Kendurkar

Executives Present: Malhar, Gil, Robyn, Rebecca

Members Present: Don, Glen

Meeting Called to Order at 7:31

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes of PGC242**

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of February 11, 2026.

Moved: Gil                      Seconded: Don

**3. Reports of Officers**

**a. President (Malhar)**

- Did an interview with IREN.
- Always looking for more presenters for the Open house events. Booked tours on April 2nd for Girl Guides Tour and April 16th for North Central Seniors Association.
- A reminder for everyone that the Messier Marathon is on March 14th.
- RASC is looking for volunteers to help out with the AGM.
- Also working on getting the Graffias ready for the 24" scope. Right now the 24" is fully functional on manual mode.
- We will be using a separate cash box for the tour fees going forward.

**b. Vice President (Gil)**

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

**c. Secretary (Robyn)**

- Completed February Activity Summary report, and emailed out to Executive. Will be printed and posted in the control room Friday March 13.
- Accessed RASC's Driven, reviewed membership details and emailed to the Executive as required. No new member information to report.
- Prepared and submitted the In Kind hours report for February.

**d. Treasurer (Rebecca)**

- **National Bank** account balances as of 2026-02-28

General Account Balance	\$7,771.77
Gaming Account Balance	\$5198.15
Restricted funds (IREN Grant)	\$10,000.00

Rebecca processed the mail as required and deposited cash.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Robyn      Seconded: Gil      Carried

**e. Director (Rob)**

- Regrets

**f. National Representative (Rob)**

- Regrets

**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 with Friday night open house events, Our Night Sky and uploaded some member photos. Working rewriting on the tour booking web page.

**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.  
- Malhar did an interview with IREN.

**Grounds and Building Report – Malhar**

- Lot was plowed on February 27.

**0.6m telescope Maintenance Report – Malhar**

-- Alcione is decommissioned. Malhar is working on getting Graffias working for the 24" scope.

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

- February 6 Open House: 11 visitors, 5 volunteers
- February 13 Open House: 11 visitors, 4 volunteers
- February 19 Tour: 14 visitors, 4 volunteers
- February 20 Open House: 24 Visitors, 6 volunteers
- February 24 Tour: 9 visitors, 1 volunteers
- February 27 Open House: 44 Visitors, 6 volunteers
- February 28 Tour: 13 visitors, 4 volunteers
- February Totals: 103 Adult visitors  
                  25 Child visitors  
                  128 Total visitors  
                  82 Volunteer hours

## **5. Old Business**

- SeaCan Project - The Universal Observatory (UO) updates: Malhar is waiting on receiving a design for the project from his contact.
  - Classroom gutter was installed on February 10 on the west side.
    - Presenters required for open house.
    - Messier Marathon on March 14th at 7:30 pm.
- Action: Glen will send Malhar the Messier list of objects that has been provided to members previously.

## **6. New Business**

- Presenters required for open house events.
- Upcoming tours: Girl Guides Tour on April 2nd, NCSA Tour on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Open house / tour volunteer procedure - work in progress.
- Microsoft or Zoom purchase for business meetings – PGAS was denied non-profit status for a discounted MS account. Thank you to Gil for offering to share his MS guest account. Gil and Malhar will experiment with Gil's account to get it set up to use during business meetings as a guest user.
- RASC is looking for volunteers for General Assembly - See page 4 for more details
- Separate cash box for the tour fees - There is a cash box at the centre that can be used to collect tour fees and separate them from open house donations.
- The last open house event for the season will be on April 24. Discussed changing opening times for upcoming open house events – starting March 20, Malhar will change the open time to 8:00 pm and will announce it on the website and social media pages.

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

- The next business meeting PGC 244 will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 starting at 7:30 pm VIA TBD.
- Please submit all agenda and financial items to Malhar no later than Sunday, April 5, 2026.

**8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.