

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC244 Business Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026**

Date: April 15, 2026

Location: Google Meets meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Robyn Kendurkar

Executives Present: Rebecca, Rob, Gil

Members Present: Glen

Meeting Called to Order at 7:33

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC243

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

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rebecca

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

-NCSA (North Central Seniors Association) Tour on April 16th and Green Tree tour on April 18th

-Microsoft or Zoom purchase for the meetings - Discussion: Do we pursue purchasing a meeting platform account (fee for a Zoom account is \$19/month – no time limit for meetings on this platform and this would allow for more informal discussion/engagement); discussed having in person meetings (this was done in the past).

- Motion: To buy Zoom just before the August meeting, meanwhile continue to investigate alternatives.

Moved: Rob Seconded: Gil

- Discussion: last open house event, extend to April 17.

- Members summer get togethers: Discussed hosting a bbq, and outreach to include summer solar viewing, summer viewing, Canada Day event (booth/telescopes).

- Outreach in Tumbler Ridge -Malhar received an email from an organization in Tumbler Ridge inviting PG Centre to visit and present to students (the school has two telescopes, and access to a site at the mine to do some observing). Malhar and Robyn will travel to Tumbler Ridge April 25/26 to do this outreach. The organizer is covering the cost of accommodations.

- Last day of the open house event - April 17th

b. Vice President (Gil)

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

c. Secretary (Robyn)

- Completed March Activity Summary Report, emailed out to Executive and will print and post it on the board in the control room at the Observatory.
- Accessed RASC's Driven, reviewed membership details. Downloaded the current membership list for March and emailed out to the executives.
- Prepared and submitted the In Kind hours report for March.

d. Treasurer (Rebecca)

- **National Bank** account balances as of 2026-03-31
 - General Account Balance \$7,534.81
 - 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: Gil Seconded: Glen Carried

e. Director (Rob)

- Working on the Microsoft account issue, and using Windows 11 – always needs a Microsoft login.

f. National Representative (Rob)

- Nothing to report

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

Observing and Small Telescopes Maintenance Report – Malhar

- One 4" and the Celestron 6" reflector telescope out on loan
- Discussed aligning the finder scope on the Celestron 6"– Rob has been working to fix it

Webmaster Report – Malhar

- Keeping it up to date: Malhar continues to keep it up to date with Friday night open house events, and performs regular back up.

Media Relations Report – Gil and Malhar

- Our night sky episodes being recorded remotely and MP3 files emailed to CFIS 93.1 radio for Monday 10:30 am broadcast.
- Malhar did interview with CKPG

Grounds and Building Report – Malhar

- Dave worked on draining the parking lot.
- Rob offered to help with future parking lot drainage using pumps he owns.
- Glen filled the water tanks.

0.6m telescope Maintenance Report – Malhar

- Alcyone is decommissioned. Malhar is working on getting Graffias working for the 24" scope.
- Rob offered to transport the mirror to Victoria for recoating – Malhar will look into timelines and consult with DAO.

Tours and Public Outreach – Robyn

- March 6 Open House: 13 visitors, 6 volunteers
- March 13 Open House: 9 visitors, 6 volunteers
- March 14 Members Night: 3 visitors, 5 members
- March 20 Open House: 29 visitors, 4 volunteers
- March 27 Open House: 11 visitors, 4 volunteers
- March Totals: 50 Adult visitors
17 Child visitors
67 Total visitors
59.5 Volunteer hours

5. Old Business

- SeaCan Project - The Universal Observatory (UO) updates:
Discussion: Gil mentioned that there are other alternatives to the SeaCan, Malhar agreed, that this option is heavier and larger than other potential solutions.
- ii) Upcoming tour: girl Guides Tour on April 2nd, NCSA Tour on April 16th.
- iii) Open house / tour volunteer procedure manual - work in progress
- iv) Microsoft or Zoom purchase for business meetings - PGAS was denied non-profit status for a discounted MS account.
- v) RASC is looking for volunteers for General Assembly
- vi) Separate cash box for the tour fees

6. New Business

- Summer get together with members - Summer outreach- discussed hosting a BBQ
Action: Host a BBQ on June 13 at 4:00 at the Observatory
- Rebecca offered to distribute PG Centre brochures and hand outs as public outreach when she is involved with bat conservation in June-August.

a) New Spending proposals:

- 1) Resealing and painting the dome
- 2) SBIG AO8 (Adaptive optics) (on-hold)

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

- The next business meeting PGC 245 will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 starting at 7:30 pm VIA TBD.
- Please submit all agenda and financial items to Malhar no later than Sunday, May 10, 2026.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.