

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC245 Business Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2026**

Date: May 13, 2026

Location: Google Meets meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Robyn Kendurkar

Executives Present: Rebecca

Members Present: Glen

Meeting Called to Order at 7:32

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC244

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of April 15, 2026.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rebecca

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Tumbler Ridge trip went well and we provided outreach to students, parents and teachers.

Robyn and I spent two nights interacting with everyone and gave some students career advice in astronomy.

b. Vice President (Gil)

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

c. Secretary (Robyn)

- Completed April Activity Summary Report, emailed out to Executive

- Accessed RASC's Driven, reviewed membership details. Downloaded the current membership list for April and emailed out to the executives.

- Prepared and submitted the InKind hours report for April.

- Accompanied Malhar to Tumbler Ridge to provide astronomy outreach to the community, delivered 150 star finders, moon guides, and brochures.

d. Treasurer (Rebecca)

- **National Bank** account balances as of

General Account Balance	\$7590.80
Gaming Account Balance	\$4523.15
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: Glen Seconded: Robyn Carried

e. Director (Rob)

- Nothing to report

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" is still out and the Celestron 6" reflector telescope was returned.

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. New! Added more photos to the Photo of the Month page.

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 a series of interviews about Falcon 9 that was seen in the Northern skies.
- Current stats: Over 4,000 hits on the Our Night Sky page and 36,000 hits on the PGO website.

Grounds and Building Report – Malhar

- Work was done on the parking lot.

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.
- Dave collimated both 10" Dobsonian telescopes, the Skywatcher and Bronze and replaced the Red Dot finder on the Skywatcher.

Tours and Public Outreach – Robyn

- April 3 Open House: 22 visitors, 5 volunteers
- April 10 Open House: 73 visitors, 6 volunteers
- April 17 Open House: 33 visitors, 8 members
- April 2 Tour: 22 Visitors, 4 volunteers
- April 16 Tour: 28 Visitors, 3 volunteers
- April 18 Tour: 9 Visitors, 1 volunteers
- April 25 Outreach: 5 visitors, 2 volunteers
- April 26 Outreach: 5 visitors, 2 volunteers
- April Totals: 152 Adult visitors

45 Child visitors
197 Total visitors
115.75 Volunteer hours

5. Old Business

-Summer get together with members - discussed hosting a BBQ for members
Action: Host a BBQ on June 13 at 4:00 at the Observatory

6. New Business

- Changing the voice message on the observatory phone line.
Action: Robyn will update that by the end of the month.
- Discussed hosting a movie night in the classroom in the summer with popcorn or food donation.
- Schedule a work bee, to clean up the grounds, deep clean the classroom and dome. Date TBD.
- Summer outreach – solar observing TBD
- Perseids Meteor Shower open house event August 13-15
Action: Malhar will announce the event on the social media channels, and website, and send information out by email to the membership.

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 246 will be held on August 5, 2026 starting at 7:30 pm VIA TBD.
- Please submit all agenda and financial items to Malhar no later than Sunday August 2, 2026.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.