

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC246 Business Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2026**

Date: August 11, 2026

Location: Google Meets meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Robyn Kendurkar

Executives Present: Rebecca

Members Present: Glen, Ryan, Don

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC245

Motion: To accept the business meeting minutes of May 13, 2026.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Rebecca

3. Reports of Officere

a. President (Malhar)

- An anonymous donor gave a \$3,000 donation to the General account for unrestricted use.
- Meeting with contact regarding the Universal Observatory to get a proposal on the design.
- Ordered 35 RASC calendars, and 1000 Moon Gazers Guides, will deliver Moon Gazers to the observatory this week.

b. Vice President (Gil)

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

c. Secretary (Robyn)

- Completed May, June and July Activity Summary Report, emailed out to Executive. Printed and posted will post in the control room at the observatory Aug 13.
- Accessed RASC's Driven, reviewed membership details. Downloaded the current membership list and emailed out to the executives.
- Prepared and submitted the InKind hours report for May, June and July.
- Prepared classroom handouts to restock for Perseids Meteor Shower.

d. Treasurer (Rebecca)

- **National Bank** account balances as of July 31, 2026
 - General Account Balance \$9068.90
 - Gaming Account Balance \$4523.15
 - Restricted funds (IREN Grant) \$10,000.00

- Completed May, June, July reports, processed mail as required, and restocked supplies at the observatory ahead of the Perseids open house events this week.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Robyn Carried

e. Director (Rob)

- Regrets.

f. National Representative (Rob)

- **Malhar gave an update that the new Executive Director at RASC is Sandhya Mylabathula, and this week various other RASC centers are hosting Perseids public events.**

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

Observing and Small Telescopes Maintenance Report – Malhar

- One 4" reflector telescope is out on loan.
- Received a donation of a 1923 4" Carl Zeiss Telescope.

Webmaster Report – Malhar

- Keeping it up to date and backed up. Added some Astro Photography images and information about the Perseids events this week on the website.

Media Relations Report – Gil and Malhar

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

Grounds and Building Report – Malhar

- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in keeping the grounds and building maintained over the summer. Exterior painting of the south wall still needs to be completed.

0.6m telescope Maintenance Report – Malhar

- Malhar is slowly working on Graffias for the main telescope.

Tours and Public Outreach – Robyn

- May 12 Tour: 23 visitors, 3 volunteers
- Totals: 23 Adult visitors
 0 Child visitors
 23 Total visitors
 6 Volunteer hours

5. Old Business

- SeaCan Project - The Universal Observatory (UO) updates: Meeting with contact regarding the Universal Observatory to get a proposal on the design.
- Summer open house - will revisit summer event planning for next year.

- Open house / tour volunteer procedure manual - work in progress.
- Work bee included lawn, grounds, interior sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, cleaning completed.

6. New Business

- Perseids Meteor Shower – opening 8:30, presentation to start at 8:45, evenings of August 13/14/15. Volunteers needed. There is a solar eclipse and a planetary alignment coinciding with the meteor shower – this might generate more visitors this week.
- Ordered 45 RASC Calendars.
- First open house event - September 4th starting at 8 pm.

- New Spending proposals:

1) Resealing and painting the dome (on-hold)

2) SBIG AO8 (Adaptive optics) (on-hold)

3) Rebecca proposed the purchase of a hand-held Vacuum Cleaner to help manage the cobwebs, debris inside the building.

Moved: Malhar Opposed: none

4) Rebecca discussed a proposal to purchase and distribute fidget toys during public events inside the classroom. Robyn added it might be beneficial to purchase a batch of branded fidgets with the PGAS logo on them, that can be available for sale to the public.

Moved: Robyn Opposed: none

Rebecca will purchase 3 fidgets, Malhar will email Rebecca the PGAS vector logo to be added to customized fidgets. We will trial this initiative for a month starting in September, and Rebecca will keep track of them as they get distributed. Rebecca suggested that during the House Keeping announcements, include an overview of the fidgets, and the parameters for their use. Discussion: revisit the suggestion to purchase a batch that can be sold to the public if it is an effective initiative.

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

Date: September 09, 2026

Time: 19:30 (7:30 pm)

Location: Microsoft Teams

Please have agenda items and financials submitted to Malhar by the Sunday afternoon prior to the week of the meeting.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.