

**PRINCE GEORGE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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**PGC247 Business Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2026**

Date: September 16, 2026

Location: Google Meets meeting

Chairperson: Malhar Kendurkar

Recording Secretary: Robyn Kendurkar

Executives Present: Gil, Rebecca

Members Present: Glen

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of PGC246

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

Moved: Glen Seconded: Gil

3. Reports of Officers

a. President (Malhar)

- Three nights of Perseids Meteor Shower events were the busiest ones so far. Total attendance was 861 people and over \$1,000 donations over three days and thanks for all the volunteers who volunteered their time and efforts to make the events successful.
- First few open house events have been great with good turnout. We are always looking for new volunteers and presenters.

b. Vice President (Gil)

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

c. Secretary (Robyn)

- Completed August Activity Summary Report, emailed out to Executive. Printed and posted in the control room at the observatory Sept 11.
- Accessed RASC's Driven, reviewed membership details. No changes in membership was reported to the executives.
- Prepared and submitted the InKind hours report for August.
- Restocked some classroom handouts.

d. Treasurer (Rebecca)

- **National Bank** account balances as of August 31, 2026

General Account Balance	\$9883.25
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Gaming Account Balance	\$3887.90
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Restricted funds (IREN Grant) \$10,000.00

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Glen Carried

e. Director (Rob)

- Regrets.

f. National Representative

- National Council meeting is on September 20, Malhar will attend and report back.

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

Observing and Small Telescopes Maintenance Report – Malhar

- Malhar and Glen tested the 14" scope.
- Glen and Malhar did the alignment for the 14" finder scope and red dot finder, still need to take it apart, examine the primary mirror, clear away dust and debris, and service it before putting it to use.

Webmaster Report – Malhar

- Keeping it up to date and backed up. Added some Astro Photography images, will continue to add photos that will be submitted.

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 and Robyn did an interview with PG Citizen on the first night of the Perseids event and also one with CFIS about the event.

Grounds and Building Report – Malhar

- Blockbuster performed routine removal of the sewage storage. Glen was on site.
- Glen and Malhar filled up the water tanks twice.
- Glen spent some time on examining the power source to the piers, and discovered that the 12 volt pier power supply is not working.

0.6m telescope Maintenance Report – Malhar

- Needs testing, Malhar will work on that with Glen until Graffias is ready. Malhar started the Alcyone computer and backed it up.
- Glen ordered an adapter to Servo to PC cable.

Tours and Public Outreach – Robyn

- Perseids Open House
- August 13: 363 visitors, 3 volunteers
August 14: 363 visitors, 7 volunteers
August 15: 135 visitors, 6 volunteers
 146 Child visitors
 861 Total visitors
 113 Volunteer hours

Computers and AV Equipment Maintenance Report - Malhar

- AV and Computer Committee Report: Malhar got the Alcyone computer working and did a complete backup of it on his personal external hard drive. The next step is to install those programs on a personal backup machine and do some testing on the 24" scope. For a few weeks, the 24" scope will be running on Win7 until Linux gets working on Graffias and testing is done on other softwares. Glen has been a great help as well.

Grants and Funding Committee Report - Malhar

- Malhar submitted a \$10,000 operational grant application to Enbridge and is also trying to get \$5,000 donations from a contact for a donation for the observatory.

5. Old Business

- Universal Observatory (UO) update: The UO project started in full swing, the concrete path is done, Glen added a 12V power supply box on it as well. Trevor will keep Malhar posted on how he is going to build the structure. So far we have spent \$3,220.20 on the project out of \$10,000.
- 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

- Gaming Grants 2026-27: Malhar will schedule upcoming meetings with the executives to discuss gaming application details/spending proposals.
- Laser Pointer: Gil suggested mounting the laser pointer on top of the 14" telescope. Malhar will explore the idea.

- **New Spending proposals:**

- 1) Resealing and painting the dome (on-hold)
- 2) SBIG AO8 (Adaptive optics) (on-hold)
- 3) Observatory Classroom Lighting: To replace all existing classroom ballast lighting with dimmable LEDs, all ballasts will come out, new lighting will be wired in and connected to a dimmable light switch on the wall.

Moved: Gil Seconded: Rebecca

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

Date: October 14, 2026

Time: 19:00 (7:00 pm), followed by the AGM at 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 8:29 pm.