

Peterborough Astronomical Association
January 3, 2025 7:00 pm
Monthly Meeting Riverview Zoo & Zoom

1. **Welcome** - Peter Curley, President
2. **Introduction/Acknowledgment of Guests & New PAA Members**
3. **Amendment and Approval of the Agenda**
Motion by David Mills for approval of the agenda; seconded by Sean Dunne.
4. **Amendments and Approval of Minutes of last meeting**
Motion by Brian Colville to approve minutes; seconded by Rodger Forsyth.
5. **Membership Report - Dave Mills**
Dave reported we have two new sponsors. KW Telescope and Khan Scope. The deadline for membership renewal is January 31.
6. **Announcements**
Peter reported he will have a book and video of the month. They will be available at the meeting and should be returned at the following monthly meeting. You can also request a book via email and pick it up at your convenience. January's book is A Brief History of Time by Steven Hawking. The video is Atlas of the Day. This information will also be in the monthly newsletter.

Mike Milton indicated that Watershed Canada would like a presentation in May. Rick and Mike will meet with them to get more details. Mike mentioned changes are coming to the Reflector.
7. **Unfinished/Old Business/Directors Report**
8. **Presentation - Astro Backyard - Trevor Jones**
Trevor Jones, an astrophotographer, started in 2010 with the simplest of setups and over the years has grown in all areas. When he started, he found it difficult to find easy to follow instructions and has developed his own teaching method geared towards beginners and intermediate astrophotographers. Trevor started the AstroBackyard blog website in 2015 and started making YouTube videos in 2016.
9. **New Business**
Sean made a motion to pay our insurance for \$551.88. Dave Mills seconded. Passed.
10. **Members News Items**
11. **Gadget Corner/Telescope Topics**
12. **Sky This Month - Dave Mills**
Posted on the website. Mike stated he will put it in the newsletter.
13. **Coming Observing Sessions**
Sean reported we are working on observing the Messier objects at the end of March at Lang Soccer Fields at Lang Century Village.
14. **Presentation at Next Meeting**
Peter asked members for suggestions for speakers.
15. **Next Meeting** - February 7, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm
Prepared by: Michelle Anstett