

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

1. Welcome - Peter Curley, President

2. Announce monthly sign-in sheet removed. Take a head count.

Peter stated there will be a change to the bylaws. There is no need for names at a regular meeting.

3. Introduction/Acknowledgment of Guests & New PAA Members

Brett introduced new members Gerald McKinley, Shannon, Molly & John.

4. Amendment and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by David Mills ; seconded by Nick Valentino. Approved.

5. Amendments and Approval of Minutes of last meeting

6. Membership Report - Dave Mills

We currently have 95 members.

7. Announcements

Brian reported that we have acquired some PAA items that Dean Shewring had.

8. Unfinished/Old Business/Directors Report

Peter Curley - Library

We have 4 new library additions, one being the book of the month-Messier Objects. The video of the month is the Alex Filippenko series, courtesy of Pat Crebar.

Dianne Denton - Observing

It was reported that the new observing schedule is on the website. New members do not need a telescope to attend an observing session. Watch for emails as to when the events will be held. The first one is solar observing with Brian Colville.

Mike Milton - Sponsorship Steward; Watershed Canada

Walter has offered to be the Sponsorship steward.

We have been invited by Watershed Canada to Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on May 1st to provide an evening of observation and a talk. Mike will do a talk on light pollution, and he is looking for volunteers.

Sean Dunne - Peterborough Regional Science Fair (April 8, 2025)

We need volunteers to attend and judge and work with Boyd. Sean made a motion that we award prizes as we have done in the past. Seconded by Mike. Approved.

9. Presentation - Live Processing with Seestar and Siril Tutorial - Peter Curley

10. Members News Items

Brett reported that as part of the handout for the novice astronomy class, he attached a sundial. Brett has sent out the file that you can use, as you will get a better copy.

11. Gadget Corner/Telescope Topics - visibility & comfort - Peter Curley

Peter spoke about a 2-pack LED dog collar, which can go around a tripod. These are \$19.99. He also spoke about a USB lens heater for \$26.99. These are both available on Amazon. Peter will send out an email with a link.

12. Sky This Month - Dave Mills

Posted on the website.

13. Presentation at next meeting: Brian Colville - The current solar cycle

14. Presentation at April meeting:TBD

Rick is working on arranging presentations for April and May.

15. Next Meeting - March 7, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 8:23 pm

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