

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

**1. Welcome - Peter Curley, President**

**2. Sign in Sheet**

Peter stated we have a motion, as the executive has looked at the bylaws regarding the sign-in sheet, and we have made some amendments. We know the members need 30 days; therefore, Peter indicated he would be sending this out to members tonight.

**3. Introduction/Acknowledgment of Guests & New PAA Members**

Brett reported no new members. Peter welcomed Alex Karn with Peterborough Currents.

**4. Amendment and Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Nick for approval; seconded by Brian.

**5. Amendments and Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

Motion by Nick for approval; seconded by Dave.

**6. Membership Report - Dave Mills**

We currently have 103 renewals for this year.

**7. Announcements**

Brett mentioned that in the past we had a membership list sent out to all members, and asked if this was something we could do. It was clarified he was looking for names and emails. Peter indicated yes.

Boyd mentioned that the Peterborough Theatre Guild is having a play this month that features women in astronomy.

Rick noted the play is called Silent Sky. Rick also welcomed guests Tom Sheehan and Gary Berg.

Peter reported that he has looked at the library, and we will have an upcoming auction.

**8. Unfinished/Old Business/Directors Report - nothing to report**

**9. Presentation - The Solar Cycle - Brian Colville**

Brian provided a very interesting and informative presentation on the sun's structure, solar activity, and solar cycles. Brian shared information regarding his observatory, including the equipment he uses, along with some amazing photos.

**10. New Business**

**11. Members News Items**

Brett mentioned Cawthra High School will be at Warsaw Caves in May, with more information to come.

Rick reported that, in the next few weeks, we hope to have an online book auction for members only.

Dave asked if we were planning anything for the Science Fair in April. Brett noted he would be there as a judge and is looking for someone to join him. Boyd indicated he would be there as a judge.

Sean noted we usually make a donation of \$200.00 for prize money. Dave will prepare the cheque.

**12. Gadget Corner/Telescope Topics**

Rodger mentioned that Peter had presented dog collars at a previous meeting that are used for wrapping around your tripod. Rodger has found a variation of those on Amazon and will send out the link.

**13. Sky This Month - Dave Mills**

Posted on the website.

**14. Upcoming Observing Sessions**

Dianne reported that in March Brian Colville will be having a solar observing session on March 22nd or 23rd, starting at 10:00 am at his Maple Ridge Observatory. Brian indicated he would send an email if this session will take place. On March 28th or 29th, we have the Messier Marathon that Sean is coordinating at Lang Soccer Field. Sean indicated that he would be sending an email to confirm this event.

**15. Presentation at Next Meeting - Amy Oliver, Centre for Astrophysics, Public Affairs Officer****16. Next Meeting - April 4, 2025**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 pm  
Prepared by: Michelle Anstett