

Peterborough Astronomical Association
May 2, 2025 7:00 pm
Monthly Meeting Riverview Zoo & Zoom

1. Welcome - Peter Curley, President

2. Introduction/Acknowledgment of Guests & New PAA Members

Brett introduced new members Christine Rosen, Marty, Tom Sheehan, Jennifer Dodson, Jaysree Mody, Paresh & Zankhna.

3. Amendments to the Bylaws 3.3.8 and 3.8.2, 3.8.3

Dave Mills stated he makes a motion; Nick Valentino seconded. There was no statement as to what the motion was. Peter indicated that we passed around a sheet that everyone had to sign, and he passed that sheet on to the secretary. Peter then indicated that the amendments state that all Peter is going to do now is make a count of everybody and give that to our secretary. Then a vote was taken. Then someone stated that they were not clear as to what we were voting on.

4. Amendment and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Dave Mills for approval; seconded by Nick.

5. Amendments and Approval of Minutes of last meeting

Motion by Dave Mills for approval; seconded by Nick.

6. Membership Report - Dave Mills

We currently have over 100 members. We also have an honorary membership as a result of the Science Fair, Elsa Kong.

7. Announcements

Rick Stankiewicz-Silent Sky

Rick discussed the Silent Sky play and said it was very well done.

Brett Hardy-Peterborough Regional Science Fair

Brett reported that both he and Boyd Wood were in attendance at the Science Fair on April 8. The two winners were Naomi Hartshorn - Awesome Shooting Stars, and Ziyi (Elsa) Kong - Gravity Well: How Planets Move in Space.

Peter stated that if you are planning on going to Starfest in August to contact him.

Brett Hardy-Cawthra High School observing session

Brett reported that this event will be Wednesday May 28 with the rain date May 29. Send an email to Brett to let him know if you are planning to attend.

8. Unfinished/Old Business/Directors Report

Rick reported the results of the online auction are in. The 2 estates of Diane Patterson and Jeanne Crebar contributed the books that you saw and have raised over \$200.00 for the club.

9. Presentation - Bryan Delodder & John Feentra from TenTelescopes.Com "The Accidental Telescope Factory" 3D printed Telescopes

Rick introduced Bryan. Bryan didn't plan to build telescopes, but after a devastating accident 10 years ago, he turned to mechanical design and 3D printing as a way to help rebuild his life. Bryan's telescopes range from beginner friendly models to serious astrophotography instruments. Through tentelescopes.com, his free open source designs have been downloaded and built by makers, educators, and astronomers around the world. In his talk, Bryan shared how adversity, curiosity, and a simple quest to lead have led to a small telescope factory. Bryan presented a live 3D animated walk through of how they are assembled and what they can do and shared some amazing photos he has taken.

10. New Business

Rick made a suggestion that the PAA purchase one of the basic telescope kits from Ten Telescopes and have some people build it. Then we could donate it to the Peterborough Library. It was suggested we could discuss this at the next executive meeting.

11. Members News Items

Peter mentioned the buy & sell section on our website needs to be updated.

12. Gadget Corner/Telescope Topics**13. Sky This Month - Dave Mills**

Posted on the website.

14. Upcoming Observing Sessions**15. Presentation at Next Meeting - Rick Stankiewicz - What I did on my winter vacation****16. Next Meeting - June 6, 2025**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 pm
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