

Peterborough Astronomical Association
September 5, 2025 7:00 pm
Monthly Meeting Riverview Zoo & Zoom

1. **Welcome** - Peter Curley
2. **Introduction/Acknowledgment of Guests & New PAA Members** - Brett Hardy
Sharon Slaughter, Gregory Weatherill and Heather.
3. **Amendments & Approval of Agenda**
Nick motioned for approval of agenda; seconded by Rodger.
4. **Amendments & Approval of Minutes of last meeting**
Nick motioned for approval of minutes; seconded by Sean.
5. **Membership Report** - Dave Mills - no report
6. **Announcements** - no report
7. **Unfinished/Old Business/Directors Report**
Peter indicated the library is fully catalogued and there is a new book Binocular Highlights.
8. **RASC Annual Ordering Process** - Rick Stankiewicz
The sign-up sheet for the annual order of RASC calendars and observers handbook will be circulated. If we get a minimum of 10 orders for either item, then we could get the calendars for approximately \$20 each instead of \$25 and the handbooks for \$25 instead \$35. These offers are only available for club members and will be available at the AGM in December. Orders are COD.
9. **Recap of Observing Events** - Dianne Denton
Dianne reported that some events were cancelled due to the weather. We had solar observing at Maple Ridge Observatory with Brian Colville. We got to look through a number of different telescopes with calcium K, hydrogen alpha and white light filters to observe the sun. We also had Emily Provincial Park observing and park staff set up a table handing out brochures on astronomy for children, which was something new this year. We had members observing at Rodger Forsyth's observatory.
10. **Presentation - What's new in Astronomy** - Stephen Mallia Ontario Telescope
Ontario Telescope is an online and in-person destination in Bolton. Stephen also owns StarField Optics. Ontario Telescope has been in business for 12 years. Stephen presented a slide show noting he designs the equipment he offers for the astrophotographer in mind with quality equipment.
11. **New Business**
Brett received an email from Tricia at Cawthra High School. They will be coming to Warsaw Caves on October 8. Email to follow. Peter is planning an executive meeting in the next few weeks.
12. **Members News Items** - no report
13. **Gadget Corner** - no report
14. **Sky This Month** - Dave Mills
Posted on line.
15. **Coming Observing Sessions** - Dianne Denton
On September 20th, Ontario Culture Days in Port Perry from 8-9:30 pm. Observe the moon will be on October 4th, at Harold Town Conservation.

16. Presentation at next meeting - TBD

17. Next meeting: October 3, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 pm
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