

**West Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Knight and Day Restaurant, March 04, 2013 at 5:30 PM**

**Present:** Johann Ackermann- President (UTE Local 20029); Jeremy Amor – Vice President (UTE Local 20029), Celine Ahodekon (UNE Local 20278); Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE Local 20088), Rina Calendino (CEIU Local 20910), Bob Jackson (PSAC - REVP), Bhaloo Hakam

**Regret:** Michael Small (UTE Local 20029), Wendie Maguire (CEIU Local 20910), Regina Brennan (PSAC Area Rep)

**Absent:** Richard Hyatt (UTE Local 20050), Dale Tudge (CEIU Local 20910), Josko Dujmovic (GSU 20008)

- Adoption of the agenda: M/S by Jennifer/Rina to accept the agenda as amended – Carried
- Adoption of the previous minute postponed: M/S by Jeremy/Jennifer to redo the previous minute of December 03/2012 as amended - Carried
  
- Financial report was discussed- M/S by Rina/Jennifer to accept the report
- Education officer's report: In addition to PSAC BC Advanced Union School June 4-9/13 (detail on <http://psacbc.com/our-organization/education-program>), BCFED Political Action Campaign School March-April 2013 in Vancouver, (detail on <http://bcfed.ca/events/bcfed-political-action-campaign-school-vancouver>, Jennifer mentioned PSAC Vancouver regional courses,( detail on website mentioned above) We also discussed the possibility of organizing union courses for WFVAC to accommodate members of the area council.
  
- Update on the visit to the locals: Johann and a PSAC representative from the Vancouver regional office will soon visit locals to promote the WFVAC
- Update on social media: after discussing the pros and cons of open and close facebook account page, we opted for an open facebook account for the council and the executive of WFVAC will be the administrators: Johann will create the account with Patrick Bragg's help
  
- Political actions updates: “We Are All affected”, Bill 377 and elections were discussed. Bob mentioned the rand formula; which is one of the biggest attacks against our union and its members. If Rand Formula is adopted the mandatory payment of union dues will be eliminated. Therefore, series of regional meetings will be held across the country in March-April 2013 to launch plans against Government attacks.

Bob also encouraged all local leaders to attend the meetings so that they will be equipped to organize conversations with members on one on one basis and to talk about the campaign plan.

He also mentioned that we have to get more people involved in Political actions in order to fight against all government attacks.

- Other business: PSAC/ BC area councils and regional committees Best Practice discussions and workshops on April 04/2013 was also discussed.
- Affiliation to New Westminster & District Labour Council (NWDLC) – Johann will contact Wendie about the outcome of her meeting with Dale regarding local CEIU 20910's affiliation to the NWDLC
- M/S by Jeremy/Hakam to pay \$159.34 for the food – Carried
- Next Meeting will be on Monday, June10/ 2013 at the Night and Day Restaurant on King George Blvd, Surrey.
- The chair adjourned.

Discussions on the following agenda items were postponed for the next meeting:

- a. Curling Bonspiel in January/February 2014
- b. Fundraiser- political