



Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee

November 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Minutes prepared by
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Attendance

Boardroom: Daniel Girard, Eric Bouffard, Michael Doerfler, Robert Mitchell & PSAC Rep: N/A.

Teleconference: Tracy Shudo & Virginia Vaillancourt.

Translators: Mary Butterfield & Mary Warner.

Regrets: Kay Ahmadi & Paul Jones.

Meeting – Call to Order

VIHRC President Michael Doerfler called this meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Roundtable Introduction

The members in the attendance did their own introduction to each other as part of the opening roundtable conversations.

Old Business for Review

Adoption of September 8, 2011 VIHRC AGM Minutes:

A review of previous meeting minutes took place at this time.

Tracy Shudo mentioned the guest speaker (Jason Rodham) from Friends of Canadian Museum for Human Rights had gave her his business card but the minutes did not provide any contact information for him and asked Michael Doerfler if he would email her the information. Michael Doerfler said he would do that.

Motion: Tracy Shudo made the motion to accept the previous minutes.
Seconded: Daniel Girard.
Carried: Unanimously.

New Business

VIHRC Treasurer's Report:

VIHRC Treasurer Daniel Girard provided a financial summary of the committee's chequing and equity accounts.

Motion: Robert Mitchell made the motion to accept the financial statements.
Seconded: Eric Bouffard.
Carried: Unanimously.

VIHRC Swag Items PowerPoint Presentation:

Robert Mitchell mentioned that in the past the committee had explored the idea about getting swag/promotional items. They looked at the PSAC website and found it was very expensive, required large minimum order and did not offer a lot of products. Dave Jackson had told the committee about a new site.

Robert Mitchell did a PowerPoint presentation called "VIHRC Swag Take Two, Choices, Budget and Use" and following are some of the highlights:

- MOHR Good Ideas - A member of a large promotional product professionals across Canada. Dave Jackson had indicated that the products were made in Canada by union workers. (Link: <http://mohrgoodideas.promocan.com/ProductSearch.htm>)
- Daniel Girard suggested -Sidelines. (Link: www.sidelines.biz)

- The committee members discussed how much should be budgeted for promotional items. It was suggested before a budget is decided on, we should find out what it would cost for our log to be printed on the product (color, graphics).
- Robert Mitchell mentioned the committee had paid to have the logo put in a transferable format a few years ago.
- Idea for products were; golf umbrella, stainless steel water bottle, stainless desk mug, pen suckers, cotton canvas tote bag, metal ball point pen, mouse pad and lanyard.
- A subcommittee will research and make a recommendation to the committee as what should be purchased.

Motion: Virginia Vaillancourt made the motion for VIHRC to spend up to \$600.00 for the committee.

Seconded: Daniel Girard.

Carried: Unanimously.

Candle Light Vigil:

Virginia Vaillancourt thanked Michael Doerfler for letting her to be on the agenda and mentioned that she is the chairperson of the Victoria Regional Women’s Committee. The Victoria Regional Women Committee is holding its third annual candle light vigil on December 6, 2011 and would like to invite everyone to come out and join us.

To advertise the event, the VRWC will have a write up published in the holiday guide of five local papers on November 23, 2011 - if the members see it, they should post it or share it with their family as the VRWC is hoping for a large turn out this year.

Virginia Vaillancourt mentioned that the VRWC is collecting donations of goods, i.e., toiletries, pajamas, socks, journals, kid’s toys and clothing, etc. for a woman’s organization in Victoria and would like to ask if VIHRC could donate \$100.00 to VRWC, which would be used to support the event.

Motion: Tracy Shudo made the motion that VIHRC makes a donation of \$100.00 towards the December 6th event.

Seconded: Eric Bouffard.

Carried: Unanimously.

Virginia Vaillancourt thanked the VIHRC for their donation and said she hopes everyone will come to the event. For the last two years Michael Doerfler and Mary Warner had attended the vigil. Virginia Vaillancourt thanked Mary Warner and said it meant a lot to the VRWC to be able to have her come to our event to support our brothers, sisters and the community members who may require the service. Mary Warner said we were welcome.



PSAC Meet & Greet Donation Request:

Michael Doerfler mentioned Dave Jackson had requested a donation on behalf of PSAC Victoria RO. They are having their annual meet and greet event on December 1, 2011, from 3 to 7 p.m. Food and beverage will be provided and it is an opportunity to network, meet other committee and council members.

The Victoria RO would like a donation of \$50.00 from VIHRC. Michael Doerfler said he understands the Area Council and VRWC have also donated to this event. Virginia Vaillancourt indicated Cindy Little and herself had also donated funds from their regional council budgets toward this event.

[Continued Discussion]

A short discussion took place regarding the average cost of this event and what would be a reasonable donation.

- Motion:** Michael Doerfler made the motion that VIHRC to donate \$50.00 to the PSAC Victoria RO Meet & Greet event.
Seconded: Daniel Girard.
Carried: Unanimously.

VIHRC Brainstorming:

Michael Doerfler mentioned as all of the members were not present, he would table this to another meeting.

Tracy Shudo asked what the brainstorming was going to be about. Michael Doerfler said he would like to hear from the committee as to what they thought the direction we should be taking during this upcoming year.

Meeting 'Wrap-Up' Discussions

Virginia Vaillancourt mentioned that she was still looking for people to read the names at the event, if anyone was interest, they could contact her via Michael Doerfler.

Tracy Shudo recommended if we get a chance we should watch a movie called "Finding Dawn" which is about the missing women in BC, the Robert Pickton story and the highway of tears.

Meeting – Call to Adjourn

VIHRC President Michael Doerfler called to adjourn this meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Next Meeting Notification

Tuesday February 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
at the PSAC Office in Admirals Walk