VANCOUVER ISLAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 19, 2012 Minutes Taken by Paul Jones

Attendees:

MICHAEL DOERFLER - PRESIDENT
ROBERT MITCHELL – VICE PRESIDENT
DANIEL GIRARD – TREASURER
CINDY LITTLE – MEMBER
PAUL JONES – MEMBERS & MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICER

Via Teleconference:

TRACY SHUDO – CHAIR VANCOUVER MAINLAND HRC LIZ OLIPHANT – VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH WORKERS COMMITTEE

<u>Interpreters:</u>

MARY BUTTERFIELD SARAH COUPE

Robert Mitchell acting as chair on behalf of Michael Doerfler

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

A round of introductions was conducted.

M/S/C to accept previous minutes.

M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report – Current Balance is 2932.40\$

Human Rights General News:

A number articles of HR interest were presented by the group including:

Aboriginal Rights to the CHRA New Homophobia Acts register. City of Vancouver respondent to HR claim Does the HRA apply to the Internet World OutGames in Belgium, 2013 Mainland HRC BBQ

SWAG:

Robert presented the costing for mouse pads. Cost is high. Robert will follow up with the Committee on the quotation for baseball caps. Michael Doerfler expressed his thoughts on building up the SWAG inventory over time. He suggested that the committee accrue funds specifically for SWAG and going forward with purchases as funds allow and over time we will have a build up of various SWAG items.

Further discussion ensued around what our funding is meant for. Paul Jones expressed that the funding for the various HR Committees comes from Membership dues and should be spent on HR initiatives notwithstanding the need for promotional SWAG.

An aside conversation ensued over the Regional REVP's request from the various Area Councils and committees funded by the PSAC to "chip" in on giving the new "We are all Affected" a platform at the various summer events also promoting previous continual campaign including our HR initiatives and promotion there of. Events include the Pride Celebrations across the province, the Fusion Festival, noted international HR days etc. It is important that the various PSAC funded councils and committees do what they can to support the greater goals of the various campaigns.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

September 13, 2012 Victoria Regional Office Victoria, BC 5:00 – 8:00 pm

M/S/C a budget of up to \$300 be spent on the meeting logistics and speaker for the meeting.

Paul Jones has volunteered to be one of two sub-committee members to plan the meetings logistics.

Tracy Shudo has indicated that she will be in attendance for the meeting. It was also noted that invitations should be made to the REVPs office, other HRC chairs, Regional Council members etc. It is a must that we be inclusive at every level. Paul Jones will research the possibilities of potential speakers for the meeting.

PRIDE:

Victoria Pride July 8, 2012 11:30-4:00pm

Current poster to be revised and sent to Robert Mitchell and Cindy Little will approve for distribution to the membership via the Victoria Regional Office and PSACBC's website.

There will be a walking contingent.

There will be a booth to promote HR and support/promote the new "We Are All Affected Campaign". Staff will be in attendance for support and there will be a call for volunteers in the poster.

It was decided that the VIHRC banner will be carried as well as the traditional Pride "Rainbow" flag.

Cindy Little will request funds and SWAG for balloons, handouts and booth literature etc. from the REVP's office.

Conversation around what giveaways would be during the march? It will all come together as usual.

Adjourned at 7:45pm