

**PSAC VICTORIA AREA COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES – September 24, 2013
PSAC Victoria Regional Office**

Members Present:

Ian Wiggs – UNDE 21008
Ken Waldron – UNDE 21013
Marcelo Lazaro – UNDE 21016
Lance Jesson – UNDE 21016
Astrid Stoker – CIU 20042
Kay Ahmadi – UTE 20028
Virginia Vaillancourt – UVAE 20030
T. Mark Miller – UNDE 21016

Bert Farwell – UCTE 20220
Colleen Girard – UNDE 21008
Jack Gale – GSU 20001
Mitch Anthony – GSU 20001
Jim Sidel – DCL 20500
Wanda Pocock – USGE 20018
Connie Gress – UCTE 20220

Regrets

Wayne Little – UTE 20028
Dave Ramalho – UNDE 21011
Scott Parker – UTE 20028

PSAC Victoria RO Staff Present:

Dave Jackson – PSAC Rep
Rosemary MacKenzie – PSAC Admin Assistant

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Call to order	Chairperson Brother Wiggs called the meeting to order at approximately 1730hr.	
2. Moment of silence	Moment of silence.	
3. Introductions	Roundtable introductions of members present.	
4. Proposed Agenda	Addition to Agenda – Thank you for Cindy. M/Sidel, S/Vaillancourt. Carried.	
5. Previous Minutes	Adoption of previous minutes from June 11, 2013. M/Sidel, S/Lazaro. Carried. Adoption of previous minutes from AGM September 18, 2012. M/Lazaro, S/Anthony. Carried.	
6. Treasurer's Report	Brother Waldron reviewed financials in two parts. <u>Since last meeting:</u> \$700 for election funding has come out of account. Refreshments \$68.24 spent. <u>Year-end:</u> Net balance is \$7305.47 currently. Year 2012-2013 income was \$613.02, which is a loss of approximately \$1091. However, this was \$55 ahead of forecast. Year 2013-2014 is forecasting a loss, but there is a healthy	

	<p>bank balance as of September 1, 2013. Noted that in the past, the council received a cheque at beginning of the year, but we have not been using all of it. Now, when we want to affiliate then we request reimbursement after we have paid it out. Funding this year is \$0 because the fiscal year has been changed and we received monies earlier this year already (the formula changed with the fiscal year change). Question from member: is it prorated? Answer: No, because we were “negative rated”. Concern expressed that Area Councils might not receive money from PSAC if there is money in the bank.</p> <p>Brother Waldron explained that Vancouver Island Young Workers Committee is getting monies from PSAC, so no longer needing the council’s funding. However, it is a reminder to still provide support and encourage recruitment of new youth members. There is a limit of \$650 for this council maximum each year for affiliation dues (have not reached that before).</p> <p>Member requested line be added to budget for softball tournament for \$500. M/Gale, S/Lazaro. Treasurer supports motion. Note from Sister Vaillancourt that PSAC funding requires receipt of quarterly meeting and AGM minutes showing use of funds. Also allowed to earmark items that will be coming up requiring monies. Don’t have to use all monies in the bank if able to show what the money is earmarked for.</p> <p>Motion to accept amended budget with \$500 for softball tournament added. M/Waldron, S/Sidel. Carried.</p>	<p>Follow-up to see when allocation comes in.</p> <p><u>All members:</u> A/Pres Wiggs requests members to think of ideas for earmarking monies.</p>
<p>7. Softball Tournament</p>	<p>Brother Jackson spoke regarding the success of last year’s tournament. Noted that 4/5ths of members attending were Federal workers. Tournament will be better next year as there is more growth, but reminded it takes funding. Brother Jackson suggested VAC should take the lead to organize and fund tournament. (would need to get swag and food). Thanks to VAC for taking the lead this last year.</p> <p>Member suggested asking councils to donate some money toward tournament next year, maybe \$50.</p>	

	<p>Brother Jackson recounted that Sister Little had been re-elected 6 different times, which doesn't happen very often. Brother Miller expressed that her style made her very approachable. Recalled that it was Sister Little that convinced him to come see what the VAC was about. Several other members stated their gratitude as well. Addendum to follow.</p>	
<p>10. Round Table</p>	<p>Member stated that Veteran's Affairs has lots of closings which will affect the community. Wants to lobby to keep Veteran's Affairs open, and to re-open the closed offices.</p> <p>Member expressed that out of 1,000 commissionaires there are 402 local, but management keeps transferring them out of the union. Fighting to keep local up and running.</p> <p>Member from Coast Guard expressed that all of the head members left. Now on third AGM because there has been no quorum – keeps getting moved.</p> <p>USGE member stated that they are now 1 week pay per year instead of severance.</p> <p>Member stated TC ratification vote was won. Very high. Contract to be signed on Monday.</p> <p>UNDE member stated that the government is taking power away from base by centralizing to middle of Canada for all decisions. Affecting local members.</p> <p>Another UNDE member expressed that ship's crew are now hiring. Good to see. Question – thoughts on amending council's by-laws to having 4 officers into 2 year terms? Perhaps consider a special meeting, then could vote on at next AGM.</p> <p>Was suggested to have alternating positions as well, so alternate 2 positions each year. That way it is not all new people each year.</p> <p>CRA member stated that their CA expired one year ago. They are shutting the front doors and losing their commissionaire.</p> <p>Member stated that forced vote by government for CBSA was struck down in court. Treasury Board still has not</p>	

	<p>returned to table. Have not had contract for 2.5 years now.</p> <p>Sister Vaillancourt offered to give donation for wreath on behalf of PSAC South Island. Brother Waldron suggested looking at smaller areas vs Victoria. Another member also suggested using Public Service Alliance of Canada (rather than PSAC) on it.</p> <p>Question – dates for this year’s meetings? Answer – to be announced.</p> <p>President Wiggs read out correspondence received for the council. It was a thank you letter for VAC donation to Maurine Karagianis, Esquimalt NDP.</p>	
<p>11. Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>Chairperson Brother Wiggs motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1930hr. M/Wiggs, S/Vaillancourt. Carried.</p>	

Brother Ian Wiggs
President

Sister Astrid Stoker
Recording Secretary