

East Fraser Valley Area Council
General Meeting 2014-10-16
Rendezvous Restaurant
3280 Mt Lehman Rd, Abbotsford

Meeting called to order – 4:35 pm

Quorum met

In attendance:

Brother Melvin Dureen – President USGE 20054
Brother Antony Paller – Vice-President Agriculture 20044
Brother Ken Easton – 2nd Vice-President USGE 2B086
Sister Nancy Burton – Treasurer USGE 20015 (RVP)
Sister Susan Wilmshurst – Secretary USGE 20091

Guests

Janelle Ho-Shing – PSAC BC Regional Rep East Fraser Valley
Shelley Kozicki – Shop Steward USGE 20091
Kirsty Havard – President USGE 20091 / Alternate REVP
Rhonda Murray – VP USGE 20091

Regrets

Bob Jackson – RVP
Jamey Mills – A/RVP

1. Previous Minutes (2014-10-14) reviewed
 - a) Janelle identified a need to follow up on the motion to provide a financial donation in support of Municipal council candidate Dick Harrington. She agreed to follow up with us on the appropriate process to do this. No changes to the minutes were required.

Motion: to accept as presented – Susan

Second – Ken

CARRIED

2. Presidents Report – Melvin Dureen
 - a) Melvin clarified the requirements for the EFVAC to be eligible to send a delegate to the 2015 PSAC National Convention. Following the proper submission of the minutes from this (our 4th meeting) and the minutes for the 3rd FVAC meeting by October 25th, all requirements will be met.
 - b) Melvin gave a brief report on the success of our participation at the annual Labour Day picnic, and noted we were unable to participate in the additional events we had hoped to attend due to position changes, shift schedules and summer leave.

3. Financial Report – Nancy Burton

- a) Nancy stated her most recent banking information indicates the balance as of August 31, 2014 is \$1948.17

Motion: to accept financial report as presented – Ken

Second – Antony

CARRIED

4. Old Business

a) National PSAC Convention Delegate

- Janelle facilitated the Elections for Delegate, 1st Alternate Delegate, and 2nd Alternate Delegate for the PSAC National Convention to be held in Ottawa in April, 2015.
 - Melvin was nominated for Delegate by Shelley (second by Antony) and accepted the nomination (there were no other nominations for this position.)
 - Susan was nominated for 1st Alternate Delegate by Shelley (second by Kirsty) but declined the nomination;
 - Ken was nominated for 1st Alternate Delegate by Melvin (second by Nancy) and accepted the nomination (there were no other nominations for this position.)
 - Susan was nominated for 2nd Alternate Delegate by Shelley (second by Kirsty) but declined the nomination;
 - Antony was nominated for 2nd Alternate Delegate by Melvin (second by Ken) and accepted the nomination (there were no other nominations for this position.)

Election Results:

1. **Delegate: Melvin Dureen** (Elected by acclamation)
2. **1st Alternate Delegate: Ken Easton** (Elected by acclamation)
3. **2nd Alternate Delegate: Antony Paller** (Elected by acclamation)

b) Site Visits

- Antony raised the importance of organizing site visits to each of the sites in our area by EFVAC council members.
- Nancy pointed out that it is a busy time with bargaining and mobilization meetings coming, and said our bargaining team would be attending some sites for visits;
- It was suggested we may be able to combine these visits and will pursue this idea;
- Susan suggested this should be made a standing item on the agenda, with a report or update to be heard at each meeting. This was agreed to by the Executive and will be added to all future agendas.
- Antony agreed to begin with the Transport Canada site as the first site visit, with others to be arranged in coordination with the bargaining team visits and mobilization strategies.

5. New Business

- a) Site mapping
 - Janelle reported there is an urgent request by the Regional and National offices for all Locals to do a site map of their locals, consisting of a membership list containing home contact info (preferably phone and email) for the members, as well as their classification and physical (working) location of their desk, cubicle, etc. at their site. Each local is asked to complete this as a priority.
- b) CSC Job Action affecting Terms
 - Nancy reported that the terms at CSC have received letters from the employer advising them that their working hours have been cut from 37.5 per week to 30 hours per week, effective November 1st. This is affecting approximately 63 members in our region holding term positions (53 institutional & RHQ and 10 in the community.) As there was no Union consultation prior to this job action, the National PSAC office was advised, and Robin Benson will be gathering information in anticipation of submitting a legal challenge. There are currently 3 challenges in front of the court; this would be the 4th.
- c) Bargaining update
 - Melvin reported that the employer has made numerous efforts to open negotiation discussions with our team, but confirmed that our Bargaining team is steadfast in maintaining the status quo with no concessions.
 - Remind your membership to check the PSAC website for ongoing updates and submit their email addresses to receive bargaining information as it occurs.
 - Next bargaining meeting will take place during the week of November 17th, followed by tentative meetings to be held in January, March and April.

6. Round Table

- a) Melvin reminded everyone that it is time for each local to pay the annual dues of \$1.00 per member.
- b) Antony reminded everyone that the annual United Way Fraser Valley Labour Council Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction is scheduled for November 19th at 7:00 pm, Location TBA.

Motion: To donate \$100 to the dessert auction – Antony

Second – Shelley

CARRIED

7. Next Meeting – will be the AGM on January 22nd, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Location TBA.

Motion: To adjourn meeting – Melvin

Second – Antony

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned – 6:08 pm

Original signed by Antony Paller

Original signed by Sue Wilmshurst

VP East FVAC – Antony Paller

Secretary East FVAC – Sue Wilmshurst

Date

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Cc: Janelle Ho-Shing
Bob Jackson
Patrick Bragg
Kristin Schneider
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