

**Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee**  
**October 15, 2015**  
**Annual General Meeting - DRAFT MINUTES**

**Minutes prepared by: Virginia Vaillancourt**

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Adopted Officially:

**Boardroom:** Josh Miller, Giselle Henry, Dave Paul Jr, Virginia Vaillancourt, Kay Ahmadi, Colleen Girard, Bert Farwell

**Teleconference:** Paul Jones

**Observer:** Crystal Warner

PSAC Staff: Dave Jackson, Regional Rep

**Meeting chaired by:** Virginia Vaillancourt VIHRC Secretary

Meeting called to order: 5:32pm

Virginia discussed the upcoming elections for committee positions.

Reviewed September 24, 2014 general meeting minutes.

Amendments updated.

(m) Ken Waldron      (s) Josh Miller      (c)

Reviewed February and May 2015 Executive meeting minutes.

(m) Josh Miller      (s) Ken Waldron      (c)

## **Treasurers Report**

Presented by Ken Waldron, Treasurer.

Beginning of fiscal \$1745.20. Received \$900.00 from Region. \$100.00 received from the Victoria Regional Women's Committee for PRIDE. \$1000.00 expenses for 2015 PRIDE. Ken explained changes from fiscal to financials attached.

(m) Ken Waldron      (s) Colleen Girard      (c)

## **Budget 2016 / Bank Signers Update**

Current signers - Ken, Paul, Lance and Virginia

No budget prepared. Sister Virginia proposed to form budget at this meeting. Budgeted last year same as previous.

Committee discussed ideas of things to do in 2016.

Brother Ken suggested \$1000.00 for PRIDE and \$200.00 Food/GM

Brother Josh - Aboriginal Women/suggestion to support other events.

Sister Crystal question was similar events as Missing Aboriginal Women in Vancouver a possibility.

Sister Virginia hopes that with new committee members will bring new energy to VIHRC.

Brother Ken - budget point of view - what donation is?

Sister Crystal asked if any thing left over from pride?

Sister Virginia responded that there are 2 boxes of beads left and some other items.

Sister Crystal suggested to lower budget for pride and put money into other things.

Brother Ken suggested Rainbow kitchen/feed homeless. Could use contribution \$400.00.

Sister Virginia spoke of Protein for People

Sister Giselle talked about the goals for the committee, discussed divide money between goals/equal contributions through all.

Aboriginal Youth Conference. Sister Colleen talked about the August Aboriginal Celebration.

Brother Paul discussed the Disability Resource Center on Fort Street, committee can look at volunteering/ donations. Suggest expansion from just PRIDE.

Sister Virginia clarified booth fund for PRIDE. Sees value in booth, ability to engage the community. Brother Paul sees value in PRIDE but does not want all focus to be that, would like to see expansion.

Sister Crystal made suggestion for committee to look at partially funding for the upcoming Regional Racially Visible Conference.

Brother Josh mentioned that the Island is long and committee needs to focus on Island wide, not just Victoria.

Each four equity groups - look at splitting budget amount set aside to aid in conferences/conventions

Dave J mentioned that it is appropriate to strike a sub committee after election. Have a draft budget for next meeting with more thorough discussion.

## **Elections**

Run by Dave Jackson

President - Josh Miller acclaimed

Vice-President - Paul Jones

AEC to pass motion - process to be completed

Treasurer - Giselle Henry acclaimed

Secretary - Virginia Vaillancourt acclaimed

Technical Communications - Vacant

Media Relations - Dave Paul acclaimed

Paul commented on role of media relations to promote awareness.

The new executive were sworn in.

Brother Ken will take books to Scott Parker for auditing then turn over to Sister Giselle, paperwork will need to go to Community Savings to adjust bank signers.

Sister Virginia asked Brother Waldron to do turnover with bank/new treasurer.

Sub-Committee consists of Josh, Maddalena, Giselle, Dave Paul to come up with ideas

Dave Paul will research info on Racially Visible, Maddalena will research info on access groups, Giselle and Josh to look at Aboriginal, Paul will research LGBT

**Action:** Sub-committee to send compiled info to Virginia

Took 5 minute break.

Meeting recalled to order at 6:35pm with new President chairing.

Discussed holding next meeting in December to celebrate International Human Rights Day.

Discussed December 6 Candlelight Vigil being put on by the Victoria Regional Women's Committee, volunteers needed, seeking assistance from committee for purchase of items for Island. Discussed areas of donations, etc.

### **Notice of By-Law Changes**

As per by-laws notice of 15 days required. Notice given that by-laws will be reviewed at the next meeting. Copies of the by-laws to be provided to committee in advance. For meeting committee will work on changes via live view so everyone can see the changes as committee works on updates.

### **Other Business**

Discussion on correct name for Access group

**Action:** Brother Ken to bring this up at Members with Disabilities meeting

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm

(m) Dave Paul (s) Jim Sidel (c)