

West Fraser Valley Area Council AGM Minutes
Knight and Day Restaurant, October 15, 2013 at 5:30 PM

Present: Johann Ackermann- President (UTE Local 20029), Jeremy Amor – Vice President (UTE Local 20029), Celine Ahodekon (UNE Local 20278); Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE Local 20088), Rina Calendino (CEIU Local 20910), Bob Jackson (PSAC - REVP), Michael Small (UTE Local 20029), Regina Brennan (PSAC Area Rep), Richard Hyatt (UTE Local 20050), Angela Marafon, Heather Kenny, Rick Mitchel, Phil Carriere

Absent: Dale Tudge (CEIU Local 20910), Wendie Maguire (CEIU Local 20910), Hakam Bhaloo

Approval of the Agenda: M/S by Michael/Rina to accept the agenda as amended – Carried

Approval of the previous minute: M/S Jen/Angela to accept the previous minute – carried.

Bob reminded the participants that every area council should have four meetings/year and all the minutes should be sent to Kristin, his Administrative Assistant.

Financial report: financial statement for 2013 was presented and discussed. M/S Jeremy/ Rina to accept the financial report – carried.

Considering that only few members have paid dues, it was agreed to recruit more members for the WFVAC.

Bob mentioned the following things related to the expenses and financial balance:

- WFVAC will have to reimburse the RVP's office for all the expenses related to the Fusion Festival in July 2013. As per June 10/2013 meeting report, special budget was allocated to cover the costs of all summer outreach events organized by WFVAC.
- The money allocated to WFVAC by PSAC is to be used and not to be carried over. Therefore, the balance of \$9892.63 carried over to the following year for the WFVAC business is too much said Bob
- PSAC's presence at events is more important than giving money to organizations without PSAC's representation. We need to spend the money and make PSAC visible.

Bob also exhorted the WFVAC to be consistent in using PSAC financial template when establishing financial statement.

M/S Richard/Jennifer to accept the motion to send financial report to Bob's office – carried

Drafted Budget 2013-2014 was presented and revised.

M/S Jennifer/Heather to accept the drafted budget. Few changes were made regarding the use of some words: instead of deficit it was suggested to use the words "over-expenses".

Angela suggested that membership fees stated in the drafted budget be increased from \$300 to \$600 and the social funds be reduced from \$500 to \$200. M/S Jeremy/Rina to accept the motion - carried.

It was also discussed that the WFVAC fund its members to attend BC Equity conference in mi-November in Vancouver as well as the Regional convention.

Elections

Positions	Candidate Nominated	Nominator	Second
President	Johann(Acclaimed)	Jennifer	Rina
Vice President	Jeremy(Acclaimed)	Celine	Johann
Treasurer	Angela(Acclaimed)	Jennifer	Johann
Secretary	Celine(Acclaimed)	Johann	Jennifer
Education Coordinator	Jennifer (Acclaimed)	Johann	Rina

Elections of delegates & alternates to the regional convention (April 25-27/2014)

Elected delegate: Johann Ackerman

Alternates: 1st alternate: Angela Marafon

2nd alternate: Celine Ahodekon

3rd alternate: Heather Kenny

Education

Jennifer Chieh Ho gave an update on upcoming Union Development courses in BC: registration deadline is getting closer. Regina also gave information on upcoming union courses in Vancouver and in the Lower Mainland.

Political update - Political fundraisers BF'd to the next meeting

Bob gave an update on the following:

- Regional education officer position's vacancy. The VRO is working on filling the position at the moment.

- Revamping of the PSAC's website.
- Good discussion regarding "We Are All Affected" campaign at the national officers' meeting.
- The pledge cards. He also advised the participants to encourage members to sign the pledge cards, they can also request their material if they do not have.
- Bargaining: CRA & TC signed agreement in July but no ratification yet.
- TB bargaining conference will start in February 2014.
- Convention and seminars are coming up soon.
- VRO's staffing and the planning of staffing are underway

Old business:

Social events: Curling in January and February 2014 BF'd to the next meeting.

Affiliation- BF'd to next meeting.

New business: M/S Angela/Rina to fund up to \$200.00 toward December 6/2013, Surrey Vigil – carried.

Johann and Rina promised to help with the event.

Food: M/S Angela/Rina to pay \$205.81 for the food:

Meeting adjournment at 9pm

Next meeting Dec. 02/13