

PSAC
Victoria Area Council
May 2, 2017 – PSAC Victoria Regional Office 5:30

Attendees:

*	Marcelo Lazaro – President	*	Trish Martin – Vice President
*	Ian Wiggs – Treasurer	*	Julie Bussiere – Secretary
*	Colleen Girard – UNDE 21008	*	Scott Parker – UTE 20028
*	Ernest Hooker – UCTE 20220	*	Brad Klein - UNDE 21016
*	Leanne Hughes – CIU 20042	*	Paul Jones – UNDE 21008
*	T.Mark Miller – UNDE VP BC		Regrets – Mitch Anthony
*	STAFF REP – Dave Jackson		

Called to order at 5:31 PM

Agenda – Discussion to change May Day Parade to Victoria Day Parade.

Motion to adopt Agenda as modified motioned by Colleen Girard Seconded by Paul Jones – Carried

Minutes - Council had a discussion regarding the previous minutes of the Area Council. Comments were made that it was perhaps lacking detail. Trish Volunteered to assist Julie with minutes at tonight's meeting and send her the draft copy. Also discussed was purchasing a recording device to assist the secretary in capturing the details of the meetings

Motion for the Area Council to spend up to \$100.00 to purchase a recording device or the secretary. Motioned by Paul Jones Seconded by Colleen Girard – Carried

ACTION: *Julie to look in to a recording device to use at meetings, then she can either purchase and the Area council will reimburse or she can let Marcelo know and he can purchase.*

Motion to accept the minutes of February 21, 2017 as presented. Motioned by Paul Jones seconded by Brad Klein. - Carried

Treasurer Report – Ian went over the financial report from December 31, 2016 to February 28, 2017 (Distributed at meeting) He has not received the bank statements from April and May 2017 at this time. Discussion regarding what to use on financial statement when Locals give the council money. We will continue to use Dues as even though they are volunteer it still states dues in the by-laws.

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented – Motioned by Ian Wiggs

seconded by Paul Jones. - Carried

Victoria Day Parade – Colleen gave an update on how organizing the parade is going a letter has been sent to all PSAC Locals in Victoria twice now requesting 2 volunteers from each local or each component to help distribute material, carry a flag or just walk with the group. On Sunday May 21, 2017 the Van will be picked up at 10am and we will meet at the PSAC office at noon to Decorate. Please encourage not only your executive but your members to come walk with us in the parade.

Saanich Fair – We will do an update closer to the event.

Action: *Marcelo to send Ian the information on registering for a table at the Saanich Fair. Ian will arrange/pay for the table.*

Pride Parade – Paul spoke on behalf of the Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee. They will be having their meeting on Thursday and will set the priorities for that committee for the year. Most likely we will walk with the Labour Council again. Trish talked about how it was a great experience walking with such a large group last year and that it was a fabulous time. Colleen spoke about building unity with other unions. The Committee is not sure about having a table at the picnic at the end of the parade. It is hard to find members to volunteer at the booth and can be stressful for the organizer not knowing if members will be able to show up for their time slot.

Softball Tournament – Dave updated the council that the alternate date they had picked to possibly have the tournament is not available at the usual Park. Other options were to have it June 9th or June 30th. There was discussion on what the repercussions of cancelling the event would do or if it would bring out more members in 2018. Also if it was organized poorly for even this year the whole event could fail. There was discussion on the option of moving the location to MacDonald Park in James Bay. Most of the organizers will be at the PSAC Convention in June so it leaves limited people to do the organizing.

Motion to cancel the 2017 PSAC Softball tournament and return in 2018. Motioned by Brad Klein seconded by Paul Jones – Carried

Labour Day Picnic – We will discuss closer to event we will need volunteers for the Monday. Last years event was great and it is now on the lawns of the legislature.

PSAC BC Regional Convention – Last meeting the council passed a motion to Donate \$250.00 to Colleen Girard's campaign. She declined the donation. There will be 133 delegates at convention. Colleen and Trish gave a brief update of the committees they are on for convention.

PSAC 2018 – Resolutions need to be submitted by September 1, 2017. Marcelo suggested

the area council create a committee for bylaws and asked for volunteers - Trish Martin, Ernest Hooker and Brad Klein agreed to do this and will prepare resolutions for the councils July meeting.

Motion to move the Annual General Meeting to October 17, 2017. Motioned by Ernest Hooker seconded by Scott Parker – Carried.

Treasury Board Ratification Results – When will the agreement be signed, it should happen in the next 2 weeks and is starting this week. Office notification will go out from PSAC.

Dave updated council on how the votes went. Most went really well and were well attended. There were limited questions members had read the documents they needed to.

Round Table-

Marcelo – Received remembrance day letter from the Langford Legion regarding wreath for 2017. **Passed onto Ian Wiggs** Marcelo also spoke of the day of mourning event and would like to see even more people out next year. Walked with the BCFED in the parade.

Ernest – Phoenix was the topic for our AGM and members are starting to get radical. They are not getting enough support or seeing enough action from Unions- What are we willing to do. The council discussed the lack of political action coming from the PSAC BC Region it has been bought up through the Regional council several times. Unions have been to passive on Phoenix and we need to start putting pressure on our leadership.

Ernest also brought to the attention that the host committee for the convention is looking for baskets to be auctioned off for Protein for people.

Motion that the Victoria Area Council donate a \$75 basket to the convention. Motioned by Ernest Hooker seconded by Colleen Girard – Carried

Scott – Time line for CRA Payouts agreement ratified late October first payout was February 8. Members saw their severance payouts starting April 19th.

Julie – The Regional Woman's Committee meeting is May 11

Meeting Adjourned – 8:05 pm Motioned by Marcelo and seconded by Colleen