

**British Columbia Regional Union Safety and Health Committee
(BRUSH)
Minutes
January 28, 2015**

In Attendance: Linda Harding (Chair) (GSU), Bill Pleming (GSU), Kim Koch (UTE), Tracy Shudo (CEIU), Jenifer Horsley (UPCE), Monique Bakker (UEW), and James Little (PSAC)

Regrets: Wayne Little (UTE), Jane Stoneberg (UNE), Susan Yaciw (UTE), Paul Croes (CEIU), Colleen Girard (UNDE), Liz Oliphant (UEW), Bert Farwell (UCTE), Jennifer Chieh-Ho (UNE), Jim Sidel (DCL), and Melvin Dureen (USGE)

Agenda

Accepting the Agenda:
Review Previous Minutes
Business Arising

New Business

1. BC Fed Activities
2. BC Regional H&S Conference
3. Hazardous Occurrence Report – CBSA and CIU
4. CLC Announcement – Workplace Death and Injury

Round Table
Adjournment

Roll Call

Linda conducted a Roll Call

Accepting of the Agenda

Agenda accepted

Review Previous Minutes

The minutes were accepted with the following three changes:

- Page 1 WHMIS
- Page 2 We “argues” the case and Day of Morning should be spelt “Mourning”
- Page 3 BERT, and the Building is the Waterfront Station. Amend to include our EMT Vancouver at Waterfront and DND Glen Cooper.

TASK: Talk to Bob Jackson on the issue of subsidy for the Bottom Line Conference.

Business Arising

None

New Business

BC Fed Activities

The Golden Tree is still not complete and they are about 30K short.

We will look into subsidies for the Bottom Line Conference in February 2015.

The BC Fed Educational Schedule is now posted and there are some very good opportunities for furthering education.

The Alberta Workers' Health Centre Presents in conjunction with the BC Fed is looking for donations to the cause. They are looking for 3,500.00 and possibly referral to the BC Regional Councils Donations committee.

TASK: Send out info on BC Fed Education and Alberta's Workers Pitch.

BC Regional H&S Conference

We have only received approximately five application for the organizing committee to date, and indications from some additional members.

We talked to Bob Jackson recently and because it is likely we will have a fall election (not beyond October 19, 2015) we looked at amending the date of the BC H&S Conference. Change from September to November (Nov 7,8, 2015). If there are any concerns about the new date please let us know and we would be happy to discuss.

Kim Kosh stated that the UTE H&S Conference is that same weekend so we will have to look at these new dates.

TASK: Talk to Bob and possibly reschedule

Hazardous Occurrence Report CBSA and CIU

We discussed the availability of the report and the recommendations and how it will affect our members.

TASK: Send out the report. This occurred on October 17th at 10:00am and many federal government employees participated.

CLC Booklet – Death on the Job

The CLC has recently sent out two booklets – guides for union activists.

One is Death on the Job and the other is Death and the Job.

Task: To send the booklets and the BC Mills Reports.

Round Table

Jennifer: Question for James, have my new members been added to the BRUSH Committee. James – Yes they were added this week.

Bill: Can I resend the most recent BRUSH Terms of Reference out to the membership.

Next meeting – March 25, 2015

Adjourned