

**British Columbia Regional Union Safety and Health Committee
(BRUSH)
Minutes
July 23, 2014**

In Attendance: Linda Harding (Chair) (GSU), Bob Jackson (REVP BC), Bill Pleming (GSU), Tracy Shudo (CEIU), Virginia Vaillancourt (UVAE), Richard May (UEW), Colleen Girard (UNDE), Kim Kosh (UTE), Trish Martin (CEIU), Crystal Warner (CEIU), Grace McIvor (NHU), Jenifer Horsley (UPCE), and James Little (PSAC)

Regrets: Wayne Little (UTE), Liz Oliphant (UEW), Bert Farwell (UCTE), Paul Croes (CEIU), Jennifer Chien-Ho (UNE), Monique Bakker (UEW), Jim Sidel (DCL)

Agenda

Accepting the Agenda:

Review Previous Minutes

Business Arising

New Business

- Holding a meeting in Victoria
- Health and Safety Education
- BC Federation of Labour Training in Victoria
- Workplace 2.0 – White Noise
- Radon Gas
- BC Regional H&S Conference
- BC Regional H&S Survey
- BC Federation of Labour Job Opportunity

Round Table

Adjournment

Roll Call

Linda conducted a Roll Call

Accepting of the Agenda

Added: Added BC Federation of Labour Job Opportunity

Agenda accepted

Review Previous Minutes

The minutes were accepted with the following two changes:

- Page 2 Day of Morning should be spelt "Mourning"
- Second last Page change (sp) Victoria
- Liz Oliphant last name
- Jennifer Horsley
- Chieh Ho
- page 5 National H&S - "WHMIS"
- Radon
- Victoria
- Tony Clement last page.

Moved and Seconded

New Business

Holding a meeting in Victoria

A BRUSH meeting was held in Victoria and unfortunately the attendance wasn't great due to many other meetings being held on the same evening.

The recommendation was to continue the practice of holding one meeting per annum in the Victoria Regional Office.

H&S Education

Reviewed the fall education schedule with respect to the two upcoming H&S Courses in Vancouver and East Fraser Valley. We also discussed the new Bill C-4 H&S one day training course and Union School

BC Federation of Labour – Training in Victoria

Improving Return to Work Outcomes being held in Victoria on Tuesday October 7, 2014.

Fairly generic and not jurisdictional specific so this is a good opportunity for members to get some really good RTW education.

Workplace 2.0 – White Noise

Crystal has a member who has file a complaint about the White Noise in there office. The sound was turned off but after some review it has been turned back on and it will also be activated on other as well.

Linda asked her to continue to monitor this and let us know of any updates.

Radon Gas

What about members exposure to Radon Gas, this was discussed at the National Standing Committee on H&S. Denis St.Jean has produced a document on Radon and we will share it with the members of the BRUSH committee.

Report on CCOHS link in respect to Federal Buildings talks about exposure limits as far back as 1988.

Action: Send out information on Radon in the Workplace to the BRUSH distribution list. Send out CCOHS link as well.

BC Regional H&S Conference

We are planning a conference for the spring of 2015, we would like to strike a steering committee of about 6-7 members. Linda and Tracy talked a little about their past experiences working on the organizing committee. We would like to start the process and have the committee in place by mid-September.

Bob – National H&S conference was tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2017 but the National H&S committee wants to move that to late 2016. They feel that holding a meeting in 2017 would be too long a time between meetings. The three venues being considered are Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal.

BC Regional H&S Survey

Just wanted to see if there is any appetite to conduct a new H&S survey to acquire a list of H&S activists, possibly by a member on LWOP.

One means would be to contact the components who have already collected this information but we may have to contact locals directly.

BC Federation of Labour – Job Opportunity.

The notice was mailed to all BRUSH members.

Round Table

Crystal – Harbour Centre and poor air quality, difficulty obtaining the reports.

Tracy – Heads up, Tracy is on disability and the employer has not once contacted her with respect to her health condition or employment situation while other members have been given the three options letter.

Colleen - They have filed a H&S complaint in their workplace

Grace – Has anyone been involved with a member who has refused to participate in a FTW assessment – functional capacity evaluation.

Bob – Discussion items from the National committee meeting, one thing being considered is a one day or E learning session on Bill C-4. A lot of work on the IPG – Interpretation, Policies and Guidelines. Also lots of changes to WHIMIS and what it is going to mean to Data Sheets. Also they looked at the Bullying campaign and the resolution at the 2012 PSAC Convention. Asked for suggestions to improve the National H&S website as well as the newsletter.

Action Item – add changes to WHIMIS to next meeting maybe invite Jeff Bennie to discuss the changes.

Next meeting – October 22, 2014 – Vancouver RO

Adjourned