

**British Columbia Regional Union Safety and Health Committee  
(BRUSH)  
Minutes  
March 25, 2015**

In Attendance: Linda Harding (Chair) (GSU), Bill Fleming (GSU), Jenifer Horsley (UPCE), Susan Yaciw (UTE), Jane Stoneberg (UNE), Colleen Girard (UNDE), Darleen Stevens (CEIU), Leanne Hughes (CBSA), Richard May (UEW), Bob Jackson (REVP BC) and James Little (PSAC)

Regrets: Wayne Little (UTE), Kim Koch (UTE), Tracy Shudo (CEIU), Liz Oliphant (UEW), Jennifer Chieh-Ho (UNE), Bob Kingston (AGR) and Bert Farwell (UCTE)

**Agenda**

Accepting the Agenda:  
Review Previous Minutes  
Business Arising

**New Business**

1. BC Fed Activities
2. BC Regional H&S Conference, Dates for National H&S Conf.
3. National Day of Mourning
4. PSAC National Convention Resolutions
5. Golden Tree Monument
6. GHS/WHMIS and the CCOHS website

Round Table  
Adjournment

**Roll Call**

Linda conducted a Roll Call

**Accepting of the Agenda**

Agenda accepted no additions

**Review Previous Minutes**

The minutes were accepted, no amendments.

**Business Arising**

TASK: CBSA Investigation Report obtain and mail to members.

## **New Business**

### **BC Fed Activities**

#### BC Fed Safety Palooza

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

The Alberta Workers' Health Centre Presents in conjunction with the BC Fed is looking for donations to their 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 Safety Palooza  
Send Workplace Stress  
Send Men's Health Works Vancouver and Prince George.  
Send Copy of the BC Fed Submission and Larry's submission.  
Send CCOHS website Information.

Bob talked about the BC H&S Centre. Bob, Linda, Deb and James should get together and talk about H&S training subsidies. We should include Gord Leckner in the discussion. We need to discuss issues around training for our members from the centre at little or no cost.

**TASK:** Set up meeting to discuss training subsidies for BC Fed Training. Include Gord and set up before next meeting if possible.

### **BC Regional H&S Conference**

We have the dates - November 14 and 15, these are the dates we will be working with and we have started the process of looking for hotels.

We have received approximately six application for the organizing committee to date, and a decision will be made very soon as to the selection of the committee.

National H&S Conference will be held in Montreal Nov 3-6 2016.

### **National Day of Mourning**

The BC fed will produce its list of locations for commemorative events. The main event will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Vancouver Art Gallery and they will be holding a showing of The Alberta Workers' Health Centre's production of "That's Danger"

which is a 45 minute theatre production which introduces Junior High and Middle School students to their OH&S rights and responsibilities in the workplace.

The PSAC has produced a hybrid NDoM poster in conjunction with the CCOHS and they will be mailed to the offices and in turn we will send them to the locals.

**TASK:** Send out the BC Fed list of commemorative day events.

### **PSAC National Convention Resolutions**

We reviewed the list of convention resolutions with an emphasis on resolution CS-050 Constitutional Recognition of Regional Health and Safety Committees.

Bob talked about the importance of this resolution and that it originated in BC and was passed at our BC Regional Convention.

Those who attended the BC Regional Pre-Convention committee meeting reviewed the resolutions and we have ask that member delegates who attend at the convention support the BC Resolutions like CS-050. This resolution was at the 2012 convention where it was costed and based on the Regional Woman's committees cost, which made it cost prohibited. We have since explained our rationale and new costing has been conducted which might give this resolution a better chance.

This resolution was almost ruled out of order by the National President because it was viewed that the national PSAC cannot direct the regions what to do (in terms of establishing committees). However it was ruled in order as the national PSAC has given direction and has done so in several different circumstances. The resolution will require a 2/3 majority to pass. The costing is minimal and mostly administrative, and the existing structure of the budget would allow for this. Other regions want this and have been asking to join our BC Committee (BRUSH) which currently is the only regional H&S Committee.

When it passes it would have very little to no change for us in BC as we already have an established committee, other regions may ask us for assistance in establishing there committees.

### **Golden Tree Monument**

We have finally reached the goal and the project should be completed by this summer. This is a huge project and a very large tree that commemorates the sisters that died in tragic accident (work).

### **Round Table**

**Bill:** WHMIS.org

**Bob:** PSAC National Website has a H&S section and Bob has asked members to have a look at this section. He wants everyone to look at what is there and more importantly what isn't there. Comment on its usefulness and make any other comments you feel necessary or helpful.

Look for the Newsletter and sign up for the mailing list. One item of importance is the internet link on Radon and the list of H&S regional reps. There is also a section on the GHS and the phasing out of WHMIS. Additionally there is an online training course on Bill C-4 which augments the one day training.

Bob requested that everyone on the call commitment to do the training by the next BRUSH meeting, which will help us by exposing members to the member portal and will open up other education opportunities.

We really need member's critique and feedback of the course.

**TASK:** Bob has asked everyone at this meeting to commit to doing the course before next meeting it's a one hour course. Any problems get in touch with James and he will sort them out.

**Colleen:** Diesel emissions at the Base in Esquimalt, there is an investigation because the emissions are coming into the nearby buildings and fumigating the members in those buildings.

**Leanne:** WHMIS and Judicial Review

Next meeting – June 10, 2015

Adjourned