

P.S.A.C. NORTHWEST AREA COUNCIL

Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Prince Rupert, BC La Gondola Restaurant

MINUTES

Attendees:

Be Gomes – USGE 20071

Lisa Nikmo – AGR 20042

Sean McGovern – CIU 20042

Phyllis Bortignon – USGE 20071

Barry Cunningham – UCTE 20232

Penny Dickson – CEIU 20926

Jill MacNeill – UEW 20147

1. **WELCOME** – Welcome to Lisa Nikmo. Be Gomes will be in contact with Lisa at a future date to provide a NWAC orientation.
2. **BC REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING** – Barry Cunningham briefed the area council on the BC Regional Council meeting which took place April 10, 2015.
3. **AREA COUNCIL PARTICPATION** – Be Gomes solicits feedback with regard to increasing participation at Area Council meetings and with Area council activities. Suggestions:
 - a. Meet more frequently: Try to meet at least once per month, even if by telephone, with a goal of two face-to-face meetings per year (one in Prince Rupert, one in Terrace).
 - b. Update and share e-mail address to promote increased communication. Addresses collected at this meeting include:
 - i. Lisa Nikmo
 - ii. Sean McGovern
 - iii. Phyllis Bortignon
 - iv. Benilde Gomes
 - v. Penny Dickson
 - vi. Jill MacNeill
 - c. Facebook Page or Group: Have someone regularly administering the North West Area Council Facebook Page or create 2 new Facebook groups;
 - i. with the first Facebook group being open with invites to NW Area Council members and allies to better share information, meeting dates and events.

- ii. with the 2nd group being closed to better facilitate internal logistical planning and details with regard to actions and events.

The Facebook groups option may be better as no one will be required to administer and post info – any member of the groups can do that as needed.

4. **LABOUR COUNCILS** – Be provided forms to interested NWAC members to address to their components requesting a subsidy to affiliate with the local District Labour Council.
5. **NOTIFICATION TO AMEND BYLAWS** – This serves as notification that amendments to NWAC bylaws will be discussed at the next meeting of the Area Council. Suggested amendments include:
 - a. Be Gomes proposes to CHANGE *Section III Members and Dues Subsection 2(1)* FROM *Dues per Section 14 subsection 2 of the Constitution shall be \$1.00 per member per year* TO *Dues per Section 14 subsection 2 of the Constitution shall be \$2.00 per member per year*.
 - b. Be Gomes proposes to CHANGE *Section VII Meetings Subsection 1(3)* FROM *There shall be 14 days notice of all meetings* TO *There shall be 7 days notice of all meetings*.
6. **UPCOMING EVENTS & PLANNING**
 - a. June 21 Aboriginal Day – Jill MacNeill has had discussions with Mike Ballard and may be receiving some funds to host a booth at National Aboriginal Day in Prince Rupert.
 - b. Seafest – Dates: June 12 – 14, 2015 NWAC planning to participate in 2015 Seafest; this year's theme is: 40th Anniversary of Marine Search & Rescue . Jill MacNeill to contact Darren Green of Coast Guard to see if we can P.S.A.C. up their float. Anyone with proposals for the activity are to gather their proposals for discussion at the end of the month.
 - c. Riverboat Days – July 31 to Aug 9, 2015 To consider participating at Riverboat Days in Terrace.
 - d. NWAC 10th Anniversary – Be Gomes would like all to consider a theme to celebrate our 10th Anniversary.
7. **BARGAINING** – Next negotiations take place May 12 to 16, 2015.
8. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** May 13th 6:30 p.m. Teleconference 1-800-663-2033 Code: 286542