

Mainland Haida Gwaii Young Workers Committee
May 5th, 2020

Members in attendance via telephone:

Simba Muskwe (Chair), Kevin Au (Co-Chair), Dina Kasiri (Treasurer), Jennifer Zanella (Secretary), Todd Smith, Michael Van Nen, Maggie Humen, Varinder Johal (PSAC Regional Representative), Jamey Mills (PSAC Regional Executive Vice-President for British Columbia)

I. Call to Order

Quorum being met, Simba called to order the Mainland Haida Gwaii Young Workers Committee at 6:09 PM on May 5th via teleconference.

II. Acknowledgement of First Nations Traditional Territories and introductions

III. Review of agenda

- Motion to adopt agenda for MHGYWC May 5th meeting
 - Moved: Simba Muskwe
 - Seconded: Todd smith
 - Motion carried

IV. Review of AGM Draft Minutes

- No amendments made.

V. Update from BC Regional REVP Jamey Mills

- COVID-19 update and acknowledgement of all efforts from PSAC workers during this epidemic.
- Bargaining update: Strike votes and collective bargaining were put on hold, but PSAC continues to work to bring back employers to the table.
- Conventions have been postponed in order to ensure full participation. All in-person conventions will be bumped one year ahead dependant on health and safety conditions.

VI. Old Business

- Amend \$100 “honorary” budget line
 - Honorary line will be changed to “other subsidy” however the purpose of the budget will remain the same.
 - Moved: Simba Muskwe
 - Secoder: Maggie Humen
 - Motion Carried
- Food and supplies reimbursement for Damir
 - Committee can receive assistance from REVP office to clear cheques and committee will then reimburse REVP office.
 - Still need to confirm with Damir if he has received any reimbursements or not.

- Election for new MHGYWC delegate to Vancouver Area Council
 - Tabled for next meeting.
- Update from Todd on Guatemala trip with PSAC Social Justice Fund
 - Tabled for future in-person meeting.
- Sun Run update
 - Sun Run 2020 has been cancelled but registration can be transferred to 2021.
 - A callout will be made by the committee towards end of calendar year for 2021 Sun Run registration.
- Poster Contest
 - As this has not been actioned, item was removed from agenda.

VII. **New Business**

- Arrangements to update signatories to the committee's credit union account
 - Simba and Varinder will connect with credit union on how to move forward.
- 2020 Annual Budget Request
 - Simba confirmed the funds were approved and will deposit them ASAP.
- 4th Young Worker's Committee Summit
 - In light of COVID-19, summit was canceled however committee will continue to work on events for 2021.
- Donations - COVID-19 charities/programs/initiatives
 - Possible donations: Canadian Hospitality Worker Relief Fund
 - Any other suggestions for possible COVID-19 related charities/programs must be submitted to Simba by May 12th.
 - Simba and Varinder will arrange for a vote on which charity to donate to via email in the upcoming weeks.
- COVID-19 volunteer opportunities
 - Todd advised United Way is currently looking for volunteers to help support local communities and vulnerable individuals— further information can be found on United Way website or link is available in MHGYWC WhatsApp group.
- Social Media platforms
 - MHGYWC is currently on WhatsApp however we will try to move to more platforms.
 - Maggie suggested a callout to members who would like to update our social media presence.

- Committee will look into this and discuss at next meeting.
- Next meeting dates
 - The next meeting will be June 2nd.
- Roundtable:
 - Jamey Mills advised that there is an upcoming webinar on mental health hosted by PSAC. Details to follow via email from Varinder or are available on PSAC website.
 - Varinder Johal advised that there is a PSAC scholarship available to members and their dependents who are attending post-secondary school. More information will also be available in email or on PSAC website.
- Adjournment
 - Meeting adjourned at 19:39.