

NORTHWEST AREA COUNCIL MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: June 9, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Pavillon Restaurant, 346 Stiles Place, Prince Rupert

ATTENDEES:

Jill MacNeill – UHEW 20147

David Lewis – CIU 20042

Jen Gordon – UHEW 20147

Madison Hodam – AGR 20042

Cory Glencross – UCTE 20232

Gerard Sta Maria – AGR 20042

Paul Hollyoak – UCTE 20232

Nicole Pottle – CEIU 20926

Jamey Mills – REVP, BC

Scott Hodge, Treasury Board Bargaining Team

1. Motion made to accept agenda of June 9, 2019 as posted on PSAC BC Region website.

Moved by: David Lewis

Seconded by: Madison Hodam

Carried

2. Acknowledge Territory, Welcome, Introductions

Jill MacNeill welcomed all to today's meeting, acknowledged and gave thanks for our opportunity to conduct union business on the territory of the Gitwilyots of the Tsimshian Nation.

3. Jamey Mills, REVP-BC

- Jamey Mills provided a summary of recent site visits in Prince Rupert and Terrace, where a general status of the current state of bargaining was provided to members. Members were provided an opportunity for question and answers in relation to their concerns. Most concerns and questions at the site visits were in relation to bargaining and the Phoenix pay disaster.
- Jamey Mills provided a general status of bargaining. Jamey sits at the SV bargaining table and listed some of their pressing demands. Jamey advised that any questions in relation to bargaining at other tables should be held for Scott Hodge who will join our meeting shortly via teleconference. Scott Hodge can provide answers to questions as they relate to the other tables.
- Jamey provided an update in relation to the 2020 convention. He noted the upcoming convention is nationally funded and that every local gets a delegate to the convention.

- Jamey advised that on Wednesday June 12 a day of action in relation to Phoenix will take place and encourages you to watch for ways you may participate.

4. Treasurer Report provided by Nicole Pottle

Current NWAC account balance is \$2951.28. The only expenditures since last report were the expenses for the meeting of May 13, 2019 at the Crest Hotel.

Moved by: David Lewis

Seconded by: Madison Hodam

Carried

5. Meeting notes of May 13, 2019

A meeting without quorum was held on May 13, 2019. Attendance was great but only 2 of the 4 executive attended. Some great discussion took place as summarized by Jennifer Gordon:

- Alyssa Cyr – Provided a great Pride Presentation. Members were especially moved by the history and recent discrimination described. The Northwest Area Council thanked Alyssa for the education she provided to members present and welcomed her to reach out to us if she would like any support for campaigns and/or events.
- Jen Gordon created a Northwest Area Council Instagram Account. Both Jen Gordon and Jill MacNeill are administrators for it. Members are welcome to follow and provide content to Jen Gordon or Jill MacNeill for posting. The Instagram handle is: nw_area_council
- Pay parking at hospitals is a concern expressed by members. Jill MacNeill encourages members to look up a campaign at: <http://www.hospitalpayparking.ca/> Parking at all BC hospitals should be free of charge. Illegal & unsafe parking dealt with by hospital security.
- NWAC purchases were discussed at Meeting of May 13 and June 9, 2019. **ACTION:** Members are requested to research and recommend NWAC purchases (union made) and present their ideas at meeting of August 13, 2019.
- Tears to Hope Society (Relay Run). Jill MacNeill committed to look up and provide more info to NWAC members by e-mail.

6. TB Bargaining Information Update – Q&A's with Scott Hodge

Members listened to status of bargaining as provided by Scott Hodge, Bargaining Team Member. Questions were asked and answers were provided in relation pay, retro pay, mental health, childcare, and phoenix damages. Anyone interested in a printed TB Bargaining Update Information sheet can contact MacNeij@psac-afpc.com

7. Seafest Debrief

Everything in relation to the NWAC Information Booth went really well. The Phoenix Pay Game was quite popular with kids and family. Many photos were collected at the photo booth for the Phoenix Day of Action on June 12, the wildflower seeds from PSAC Members for the Environment put together by Jen Gordon were a hit. Jamey Mills got very wet in the dunk tank, contributing to funds toward scholarships for students in Prince Rupert. The effort of all who looked after the booth, administered the game, photo booth, was greatly appreciated. Thank yous to Jen Gordon, David Lewis, Alyssa Cyr, Coral Kheen and Jill MacNeill. Thank you to Nicole Pottle for getting us a table. Also special thanks to those at the PSAC-BC Office who always offer their assistance; the Northwest Area Council is particularly thankful for our new PSAC tent. The new tent and table will be stored at Jen Gordon's house.

8. Election/Membership Mixer September 2019

With the retirement of Nathan Cullen, the fight for the Skeena-Bulkley Valley seat deserves our attention. Jen Gordon expressed interest in ensuring our members are educated by leading an event or debate to take place before the election.

9. Next Meeting Date: August 12, 2019 Location Crest Hotel 6:30 p.m.