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CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND
AREA COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING, 25 October 2005

Katerina's Resturant, Nanaimo, BC

Meeting called to order 5:50 pm

Present

Gail Jewsbury	Area Council President, (UEW 20090)
Bruce Clark	Area Council Vice President (CEIU 20947)
Darlene Stevens	Area Council Secretary (CEIU 20947)
Randi Kocher	Area Council Treasurer (NAT 20140)
Christine Walker	CEIU 20947
Debbie Zajonskowski	NHWU 20017
Elizabeth McCormick	GSU 20001
Gord Miller	UEW 20090
Kathy Spencer	CEIU 20947
Lise Edwards	NAT 29266
Michael Bob	CEIU 20947
Paul Ring	GSU 20001
Peter Midgley	UEW 20090
Sandy Mahan	USGE
Dave Jackson	Victoria Regional Office, PSAC

Guests Amy De Vos, Public Health Nurse

Regrets

Patty Ducharme	REVP BC
Bob Kingston	Alt. REVP BC
Steve Houston	RVP BC NAT
Barbara Chell	UCTE 20220

1. Welcome, Introductions, Regrets

The chair welcomed the new members, Lise Edwards and Debbie Zajonskowski and a guest, Amy De Vos. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Changes to the Agenda and adoption of the Agenda

RK -Item # 9, the CVI AC Challenge and the Health Education items should be a separate point and not contained within Political Action.

Should be under Report on Outreach.

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Motion to adopt changes moved by GM, Seconded by BC Carried

3. Adoption of the minutes from the last Annual Meeting.

Changes: # 10:Change "VP from BC" to the President of BC/YT local 20140, Diane MacArthur (RK)

#5 b: omit line "PSAC Bargaining Committee wants to sign contract. PSAC National President thinks it can be signed by national officers." (BC)

6 b: Question: do the financial reports need to be included here?(RK)

Answer: not required (DJ)

Motion to accept the minutes as amended, moved by GM, Seconded by RK Carried

4. Business arising from minutes:

- Report from the By-laws committee (Gail, Bruce, Gord)

The following items have been identified as items which need to be resolved at a later meeting.

- I. There are still some discrepancies between the PSAC constitution Section 14 Sub-section 3 and the CVI AC By-laws 3.1. The PSAC constitution talks about 2 voting delegates per 500 members whereas the CVI AC by-laws reduce this number to 100. We need to seek clarification from the REVP as to whether this is acceptable.
- II. We need to discuss signing officers (CVI AC By-law section 6). Currently it is three members who are on the executive. Given the amount of difficulty that we had in changing our signing officers, it would make more sense to keep as many of the signing officers as possible as a constant. I suggest that the treasurer is always one of the signing officers and that the other two signing officers be members in good standing of the area council.
- III. Our fiscal year is 1 November to 31 October. By having this Annual Meeting prior to the end of the fiscal year as prescribed in the by-laws, it is impossible to have an audited financial statement presented at this meeting. This needs to be corrected. I apologize for this oversight. I would like a motion that we accepting the current financial statement and defer the audited financial statement until the next meeting in November 2005.
- IV. Other items to consider – should the regional councillor be given any privileges or should it be assumed that they have full voice and no vote (unless a delegate from their local) at an area council meeting.
 - should we institute a minimum membership fee for a local

I recommended that the By-laws committee meet and present an updated version of the by-laws to the next meeting.

Motion – to accept the report as presented GJ, seconded by GM Carried

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5. Report of the President

I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for your support during my time as president of the Central Vancouver Island Area Council. I feel that we are making progress in getting our by-laws in place. This has made me become more familiar with the rules and regulations that we follow.

Along with 10 other members from this area I attended the BC Regional Convention. There was a lot of discussion regarding the budget, some very excellent speakers and great camaraderie. I always come home feeling very exhilarated. At the BC Regional Convention, I was elected as the regional councilor for North Vancouver Island. Thank you all for your support.

We set a meeting schedule at our February meeting. I attempted to convene meetings, but was disappointed to find that most people were not able to attend the meetings. As a quorum could not be fielded, I postponed meetings until the end of August. I feel that we are now back on track.

We have identified that as an Area Council we need to focus on where we want to do. This will be a discussion for the new executive at the November meeting. We have also identified the need to share the work load and I have suggested that we form small committees to look after various aspects of our normal agenda, such as, education, membership, political action. Again, this has been tabled until our next meeting.

After the first area council in Nanaimo was created, we have had problems with the Credit Union in transferring signing officers. I am happy to report that we have finally solved this issue. And I have learned some of the obscure CU terminology, so that we could get what we wanted. I would also like to thank our treasurer, Randi Kocher, for getting things back on track.

We have three new locals which have joined with us. I would like to welcome Lisebeth Edwards from the National Component, with Parks Canada and Debbie Zajonskowski from NHWU. Unfortunately, Barbara Chell from UCTE was unable to attend this evening. Currently we are trying to get other CEIU locals, and other UEW locals interested in joining us.

I have talked long enough,
So I move that my report be accepted as read..... Gail Jewsbury

Motion to accept report moved by GJ, Seconded by EM Carried

6. Report of Treasurer

The treasurer presented the Statement of Revenue and Expenses for February 28, 2005 to September 30, 2005 and the balance sheet as at September 30, 2005.

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Motion to accept report moved by RK, seconded by BC Carried

Discussion regarding the report, included the end of the fiscal year not matching with the current by-laws, requirements for separate line items for the political action advance, and separating the dues from donations for locals whose components pay more than the dues amount stated in our by-laws.

The treasurer presented the proposed budget for October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006

Motion to accept the proposed budget, RK, seconded EM Carried

7. Report from Regional Councilor

For those of you who were at the BC Regional Convention, I would like to thank you for electing me to this position. I have to admit at the time I was reluctant, but I now find myself taking the bull by the horns and moving forward with this position.

My report to the Regional Council meeting in September included

- Helped (Nat 29266 (Parks Canada) get a TUBS course going in Uculet for interested members

- Requested locals from different components to consider forming an area council in the Courtenay -Campbell River - Powell River Area, by discussing this at there next meeting/executive meeting.

- Assisted the CVI AC in getting its financial records in order, and getting its signing authorities correctly in place

- Assisted the CVI AC in getting a firm meeting schedule for the upcoming year

- Assisted the CVI AC in moving forward with resolutions to the PSAC National Convention and in selecting a delegate to this convention

- Attended the 11th ENV Component Triennial convention in Winnipeg as delegate

- Spoke with Telus workers on the picket line

- Promoted PSAC Education courses
 - Women at Work
 - Union School
 - UDP
 - TUBS

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Amy DeVos identified her background as being very community focused. She had worked in remote aboriginal communities. She identified some of the major issues they face. Amy is a public health nurse that is committed to going forward with the project.

Discussion regarding the project. Would the project include violence against women and children? Yes. Any other ideas would be appreciated.

Dave Jackson requested a copy of the proposal for other locals to see what is being done with the PSAC Social Justice Fund. A summary will be provided.

Action Item – Randi Kocher to provide a copy of the proposal to Dave Jackson at the Victoria Regional Office.

8. Report on Education

- TUBS course – was held at Ucluelet. Dave Jackson was the facilitator. There was a great response and members said what an “awesome” course with lots of great information.
- Women @ Work – Christine Walker. – This course was held in Vancouver. It is a two part course with 22 participants. Christine with two other members from the North Vancouver Island geographic region left with a project – to establish a Regional Women’s Committee on the North Island.
- Union School – Dave Jackson. Union School is only 10 days away. The island has 25 seats out of around 100 seats. There will be two sessions of the PSMA course, one Health and Safety Course and one Respect in the Workplace.
- General education – Dave Jackson. Dave’s goal is to get more courses on the island. People need to be vocal in the courses they want, they need to be proactive. A 1 day course on PSMA will be offered in Nanaimo on Saturday, 26 November 2005.

9. Political Action

Gail Jewsbury reported that the DFO Funding Campaign is still ongoing. There are post cards available. The post cards should be sent to the Vancouver RUO, they are developing a strategic plan for mailing. Nick Humphreys, chair of the political action committee, was unable to attend this meeting to talk about this.

10 a. CVI AC Challenge

As decided at the August meeting, CVI AC has challenged the other area councils to bring items for a silent auction to be held at Union School. Anyone who donates an item that sells for more than \$25 will get a tax receipt.

11. Formation of Committees

This item will be tabled to the next meeting.

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12 Election of Officers

President

Bruce Clark nominated by Gail Jewsbury, seconded by Randi Kocher

Gail Jewsbury nominated by Kathy Spencer, seconded by Lise Edwards

Gail Jewsbury declined the nomination.

Bruce Clark elected by acclamation.

Vice President

Gail Jewsbury nominated by Elizabeth McCormick, seconded by Bruce Clark

No further nominations. Gail Jewsbury elected by acclamation.

Secretary

Darlene Stevens nominated by Bruce Clark. seconded by Paul Ring

No further nominations. Darlene Stevens elected by acclamation

Treasurer

Gordon Miller nominated by Gail Jewsbury, seconded by Paul Ring

No further nominations. Gordon Miller elected by acclamation.

13. Election of Delegate to PSAC convention

Gail Jewsbury nominated by Sandy Mahan, seconded by Gordon Miller

Bruce Clark nominated by Christine Walker, seconded by Randi Kocher

Darlene Stevens nominated by Michael Bob, seconded by Paul Ring

Bruce Clark elected.

Election of alternate delegate

Gail Jewsbury nominated by Randi Kocher, seconded by Elizabeth McCormick

Darlene Stevens nominated by Paul Ring, seconded by Michael Bob

Gail Jewsbury elected.

14. Swearing of officers

Dave Jackson completed the swearing in of CVI AC officers.

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Motion to adjourn moved by Gail Jewsbury