

Minutes of the Regional Council Meeting

April 2-3, 2006

Present:	Patty, Janet, Kay, Sam, Megan, Angela, Jayne, Denis, Sheila May, Benilde, Debbie, Pat, Gail, Craig, Sargy, Floyd, Parveen, Steve, Joy, Sharon, Nick & Jamey
Excused:	
Absent:	Cindy

Agenda Item	Proceedings	Action
	Opening remarks by Patty.	Patty
	Swearing-in of new Alternate REVP and Fraser Valley West Coordinator.	Patty
AGENDA	Additions to Agenda: EVENTS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. June 19-23 – UN Habitat Forum 2. World Urban Forum 3. Feeding the Cities – UBC Robson .Sq. 4. World Urban Youth Forum 	
Adoption of Agenda	Moved: Craig Seconded: Nick CARRIED.	
Minutes		
Errors & Omissions	Should have been dated Sept. 17 & 18, 2005 Debbie should have been on the list of those present.	
Minutes	Move to accept minutes as corrected: Steve Seconded: Sam CARRIED.	
Items Arising:		
Committee Composition	It was decided to leave the decision as to changes in committee composition until after the convention. Anyone who is interested in participating in a committee should email the REVP Office. They will keep track of the list. Effort will be made to have representative committees and for people to be named to the committee they wish to be in.	
RC Members Action Plan	Members provided with copy of Priorities identified by Council as well as training notes.	

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NEW BUSINESS:		
Coordinators' Reports: Fraser Valley	<p>Coordinators' Reports were provided in a package to RC members. Joy pointed out that the 2nd page of her report was missing. Report will be re-sent to RC members. It was also noted that Cindy's report was inadvertently missed. This too will be sent separately.</p> <p>Jayne provided an update on her report. She and members of the new Fraser Valley Area Council attended the first meeting of the new Abbotsford/Chilliwack District Labour Council. There are 9 unions represented in this Labour Council. A Steering Committee was struck and Anne Marie, a PSAC member, will be representing this union on the Committee.</p>	
Other Committee Reports:		
B.C. Fed Human Rights	Steve felt that there was a great imbalance on the Committee and not everyone is on the same page. As an example, before Craig joined, there were no Aboriginals on the Committee. It would be good to hear from the other RC members after convention as a follow-up.	
Health & Safety	Joy gave a brief update on the recent health & safety conference. She also mentioned that she had developed a survey to assist in identifying health & safety activists.	
PAC	Nick thought that it was time we put the new MPs' feet to the fire and educate them around our issues and concerns. A couple of training opportunities were mentioned, one in Victoria and one at the New West District & Labour Council. Jayne and some members from the Area Council will be attending.	
RWC	Parveen provided a report on the activities of the Regional Women's Committee as well as a brief recap of the Women Delegates' Meeting.	
Youth	<p>The youth campaign has just started and the region has additional money for the pilot Youth project. Jamey was recently trained by BC Fed to be facilitator on the Youth Program.</p> <p>Jamey has already made a presentation to high school students, which was very well received and very successful.</p> <p>Jamey was also elected as 1st VP of the Vancouver Area Council. He attended the CEUDA, Vancouver Area Council and UTE meetings. Attended the Governexx Conference and the BC Fed Youth Committee meetings.</p>	
Financial Update	<p>Members were provided with copies of the Budget Update for 2006 as well as a copy of the previous year's. Kay presented the report and explained the reason for the deficit.</p> <p>Proposed Budget for 2006 was passed at last meeting.</p>	
PAC Budget	Passed at last meeting.	

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	Questions asked about what happens to leftover monies from Coordinators' budgets. Patty explained that the funds are used to pay for deficits in other areas and the remainder goes to the Reserve.	
Donations Committee	The Donations Committee met and came up with a list of organizations that they want to recommend to the RC for support. The guidelines for the donations, however, was not available, Approval was recommended, disbursements to be made once it has been established that they meet the criteria.	
	Most of the requests they looked into were from groups that have consistently requested donations from us. The Committee would like to fund most of them.	
	<p>The organizations considered and recommended for funding were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sierra Legal Defence Fund - \$225 2. Doctors Without Borders - \$100 3. Amnesty International - \$100 4. Council of Canadians - \$156.25 5. Leyte Disaster (Philippines) - \$50 6. CCPA – Prov. Chapter - \$300 7. David Suzuki Foundation - \$100 8. Friends of CBC - \$70 9. Project Ploughshare – 0 10. Canada Post Literacy award – Not really a solicitation. 11. Pro-Choice Action Network - \$50 <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL = \$1,151.25</p>	
	Once it is verified that the organizations meet the criteria, funds will be distributed.	
Regional Convention Resolutions Follow-Up	All outstanding resolutions were dealt with as per By-laws and PSAC Constitution.	
OTHER BUSINESS:		
CODE BLUE	BC Fed and CLC involved and have done a lot of work around this issue. Petition will be passed around or it can be done electronically.	
WORLD PEACE FORUM	June 23-28. There will be a labour forum, education, and other events such as living in a world without war.	
WORKERS OUT CONFERENCE	Will be held in Montreal. Steve will be going from this region. He suggested that members check the website for further information.	
WORLD URBAN YOUTH FORUM	It will be good for us to provide a workers' perspective in this forum.	
CLC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE	Subsidy available for one woman to participate. The region, however, will have to come up with additional funds. More info at a later date.	

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NEXT RC CAMPAIGN	Campaign building will be discussed at next meeting.	
NEXT MEETING	Date to be set after National Convention. It will be sometime in the fall.	
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.	

