

PSAC
SOUTHERN VANCOUVER ISLAND DISTRICT AREA COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES – January 29th, 2008
PSAC Victoria Regional Office

Members Present:

Nick Humphreys – UEW 20169	Virginia Vaillancourt – UVAE 20030
John Rumsby – UTE 20028	Cindy Little – UTE 20028
Scott Parker – UTE 20028	Jim Sidel – DCL 20500
Ken Waldron – UNDE 21013	Peter Neelands – NRU 20088
Ches Bennett - DCL 20500	Wayne Little – UTE 20028
Eric Nygaard – USGE 20018	

PSAC Victoria RO Staff Present:

James Little – H & S Rep
Rosemary MacKenzie – Admin Assistant

Regrets:

Dave Jackson – Regional Rep	Mandi Schubert – CEIU 20975
Dave Ramalho – UNDE 21011	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Call to order	Chairperson Sister Little called the meeting to order at 5:35pm	
2. Introductions	Roundtable introductions of members present	
3. Proposed Agenda	Amendments to the Agenda *Change in order of business Addition of: * Defending Quality Public Service – OurFish.ca campaign * H & S Forum on Website * Resignation from Executive m/s/c J Rumsby/W Little	
4. Adoption of Minutes from Nov 20, 2007	m/s/c W Little/ J Sidel	

<p>5. Resolutions for Convention</p>	<p>February 15, 2008 is the deadline for Resolution submissions to the BC Regional Convention. Resolution being submitted by N Humphreys who will send it out to affiliated locals to get a yes or no on the resolution.</p> <p>Resolution: Where PSAC encourages all locals to affiliate with the labour councils across the country. (There are 135 labour councils) That PSAC reimburse 50% to locals who affiliate to labour councils.</p>	
<p>6. Update on the Victoria Labour Council</p>	<p>There are pamphlets available which describe what Labour Councils do. The VLC went through a reconstruction last year. New By-laws were written and passed in November. 15 people were elected to the executive. There were 90 voting delegates at their last meeting. BCGEU has rejoined the VLC. There is \$600.00 available to assist a local with affiliation to the VLC. The cost is \$4.00/member/year to affiliate. The year begins the day you affiliate. Next meeting for VLC is February 20, 2008 at the Cedar Hill Golf Club at 7pm. Members who are not affiliated yet can attend as observers. Arrive at 6:30pm to sign in. VLC meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month.</p>	
<p>7. Bargaining Update</p>	<p>TB groups are back in bargaining at the end of January beginning of February. Ships crew are back in bargaining the week of Feb 18th. Table 3 is awaiting Pay Study.</p>	
<p>8. Education</p>	<p>2008 PSAC Education Schedule is out. Follow ups for previous members who have signed up for courses but were unable to attend is being done by Rosemary.</p> <p>C Little attended a Fraser Valley Area Council Executive meeting. If members have any thoughts/ideas on other education courses ie., Political Activitsts; Please advise the Area Council</p>	
<p>9. Logo Contest</p>	<p>Reminder to members to make submissions to our “Create a Logo” Contest. Deadline for submissions is</p>	

	<p>February 29, 2008. The winner will receive a bomber style jacket with either the new SVIDAC or the PSAC BC logos. You can enter electronically to jacksod@psac.com or by mail Att: SVIDAC Logo Contest, 210 – 1497 Admirals Road, Victoria, BC V9A 2P8. Please contact PSAC at 953-1050 if you would like a copy of the guidelines emailed to you.</p>	
<p>10. Requests for affiliation to VLC</p>	<p>SVIDAC has \$600.00 to assist locals with affiliation to the VLC if locals are affiliated with the SVIDAC. SVIDAC wants a commitment by locals who chose to be affiliate to the VLC</p>	
<p>11. Defending Quality Public Service – www.OurFish.ca</p>	<p>New campaign has been started www.OurFish.ca or www.nospoissons.ca Sustainable funding=sustainable fisheries=sustainable communities Campaign is about resources not jobs. 90% of fish stocks around the world are under threat. There is an information folder available and when Nick receives these he will email AC to see who would like a folder. Request that members review the folder and postcards and discuss the campaign with your fellow members. Sign and send in the postcards to Ottawa, no postage required. Atlantic Canada has bought into the campaign. Nick will be talking to Jim Sinclair (CLC President), to sports fisherman and to the VLC. Folders have been sent to MP's, MLA's across Canada including senators across the country. Discuss the campaign at your AGM's/GM, Nick can attend the meetings to talk about the campaign. Component Presidents will be receiving a presentation at next weeks Board meeting. Some Native Bands have bought into the campaign. PSAC assisted with the funding for the campaign but the majority of funding came from UEW Component.</p>	
<p>12. OH & S Forum on Website</p>	<p>BRUSH now has an interactive website to discuss H & S concerns. Visit www.psacbc.com . Click on Health & Safety link on the right hand side. Then</p>	

	<p>click on the orange guy with megaphone. You will need to create a user id and password.</p> <p>In order to add comments you must be logged in but you can still view all of the info. Samples of current forums are: * MSRA * Ergonomics * Disability Insurance. You can add links, pictures etc in to the forum.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding housing the locals H & S minutes on the website. Not all locals submit their minutes to PSAC.</p> <p>There was an email notification sent out to advise members of the website. James Little advised that he will be meeting with the National H & S Reps and will be seeking broad distribution of the website Nationally. You can also go to : www.psacbc.com/hs-forum/</p>	
<p>13. Resignation from Executive Member</p>	<p>The SVIDAC Executive received a resignation notice from the Vice- President Todd Genereux.</p>	
<p>14. Election of delegate to BC PSAC Regional Convention</p>	<p>There is no loss of salary covered by PSAC for Friday April 18th. Motion to have SVIDAC cover loss of salary for the delegate who attends the BC Regional Convention including the registration fee of \$50.00.</p> <p>m/s/c N Humphreys/ J Sidel</p> <p>Elections conducted by Brother James Little and votes counted by Sister Rosemary MacKenzie and Brother James Little.</p> <p>Delegate John Rumsby Nominated by W Little Seconded by S Parker</p> <p>Virginia Vaillancourt Nominated by J Sidel Seconded by E. Nygaard</p> <p>Ken Waldron Nominated by N. Humphreys</p>	

	<p style="text-align: center;">Seconded by C Bennett</p> <p>There were 2 votes held. Ken Waldron will be the AC Delegate John Rumsby will be the Alternate Delegate</p> <p>Motion to destroy ballots. m/s/c J Sidel/K Waldron</p>	
15. Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm m/s/c W Little/J Sidel</p>	

Sister Cindy Little
President

Virginia Vaillancourt
Recording Secretary