

MHRC AGM Minutes

Date: January 24, 2017

Mtg start time: 6:00 pm

Mtg end time: 7:20 pm

In attendance: Vic Johal, Ferzana Samnani, Todd Smith, Dennis Wong, Cheryl Oenema, Terri Lee, Kelly Megyesi, Jen Horsley.

On the phone: Ruby Langan, Jennifer Chieh-Ho, Tami Grenon, Celine, Shirley

1. Opened with recognition of being on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples
2. Previous AGM minutes were moved by T. Smith and seconded by F. Samnani
3. Delegate to the VDAC – Tami Grenon nominated
4. Delegate to the PSAC BC Convention – F.Samnani nominated Todd Smith, seconded by Terri Lee, passed unanimously
5. Vic Johal presented the financials
 - a. Call for corrections – none made
 - b. Financials were audited by Dennis Wong and Betty Choi
 - c. Closing balance of \$744.27
 - d. Donations were made to Sacred Water event
 - e. The budget was allocated between the 4 designated groups equally and to the International Human Rights day event. The event did not take place. Money allocated to the Access group was not used as the requestor, Leslye Brown did not receive the mailed cheque, which was then cancelled. Leslye no longer needed the money as she had another source covering the funds. The money was returned to the MHRC budget.
 - f. Estimated how much we would get, which is less than what we got the previous year.
 - g. In the budget, meals were allocated \$600 and conference calls \$50
 - h. Donations were all used up
 - i. \$1,700 was budgeted and we have asked the REVP for \$100
 - j. A motion was made to pass the 2016 financials, motion seconded by Todd Smith and passed unanimously.
 - k. A motion was made to approve the 2017 budget, seconded by Todd Smith, passed unanimously
6. 2017 meeting dates set – Ferzana Samnani
 - a. March 7
 - b. May 16
 - c. June 21 – collaborate with the Women’s Committee to celebrate the National Aboriginal day, same as last year instead of the annual bbq
 - d. Sept 19
 - e. Nov 14
 - f. Jan 23, 2018 – AGM
7. Event Planning dates – Todd Smith
 - a. Try to identify two events per equity group that the Committee will recognize
 - b. J. Chieh-Ho stated that June 28 is multi culturism day
 - c. F. Samnani – can use the events set at last AGM as a starting point

- d. Kelly – need a resolution meeting for the BC Convention, agreed to by Todd
 - e. Ferzana – March 7 can be used as the resolution training day and staff can do a mini session on how to present yourself at convention, or the protocols when you have the floor. The new exec to decide what they want and let the staff know.
 - f. Ferzana – May 16, what events can we recognize
 - i. T. Lee – Asian Heritage month
 - ii. J. Chieh-Ho – Mental Health Awareness Month
 - iii. T. Smith – Int’l day against Homophobia and Transphobia
 - iv. F. Samnani – could incorporate the recognition of all 3, but the new exec to decide
 - g. June 21 – collaborate with Ruby Langan and Women’s committee
 - h. Summer – Todd: Pride Festivals
 - i. Tami – There is a group that offers a descriptive service for the visually impaired persons. Will give Robert Strang more info to post on the website
 - j. July – Fusion Festival
 - k. Fall – Celine: Abby multiculturalism festival (Abby fest)
 - l. December – Kelly: Sisters in Spirit on October 4
 - m. December – Vic: Dec 10th is Int’l day of Human Rights
 - n. December – Tami: Dec 3 is Int’l Day of Disabilities
 - o. Kelly M. – the women’s committee is going to have a Shoebox project for the women in the DTE where donations of large size toiletries, etc are put together worth \$50. This will happen in the Fall.
 - p. Celine: any multiculturalism events?
 - q. Vic: reviewed the events already talked about
 - r. Celine: we need an event where people know what the Human Rights Committee is about
 - s. T. Smith: December 10 is Int’l Human Rights Day where the committee can plan something. Last year’s planned event was cancelled because of the weather.
 - t. J. Chieh-Ho: March 21 is Int’l Human Rights Discrimination Day
 - u. Todd made a last call for events – none made
8. Celine; we need to find a way to involve more people in the committee\
 9. Todd and Ferzana: Agreed
 10. Robert Strang Suggested that the MVAC be approached for ideas
 11. Todd: we should each ask people around us to get involved and bring more people that way.
 12. Kelly – people who are funded to attend events should be encouraged to come to meetings
 13. Todd – Maybe have a booth outside the convention to market the committee
 14. Elections
 - a. For Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary
 - b. Chair – Celine nominated Jennifer Chieh-Ho, his was seconded by Shirley; Tami nominated Todd; Todd declined; Dennis Wong nominated Ferzana; Ferzana declined. Jennifer Chieh-Ho was acclaimed.
 - c. Secretary – Todd nominated Dennis Wong; Dennis declined; Ferzana nominated Tami, seconded by Vic Johal. Tami accepted the nomination and was elected Secretary

- d. Treasurer – Kelly nominated Cheryl Oenema, Ferzana Seconded; Todd nominated Dennis Wong (Dennis declined); Celine nominated Ruby Langan and Ruby declined. Cheryl Oenema is the new Treasurer
- e. Co-Chair – Ferzana nominated Ruby Langan, and this was seconded by Celine. No other nominations from the floor – Ruby is the new co-chair.
- f. Jennifer thanked the outgoing committee and welcomed the new committee. Todd stated that it was a pleasure working with the committee. Ferzana stated that the committee did some great work over the 2.5 years, this included the creation of the TOR, the community projects and the resolutions that were put forward for the first time in many years by the MHRC.

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm