

Attendees: Rick Levigne, Vanessa Miller, Christine Walker, Mariah Moras, Nigel Pollard, George Pattern, Dave Jackson, Richard May, Nikki Dagasso, Peter Midgley

Call to order - 10:45

Review of minutes and agenda

Motion to accept agenda by Nigel Pollard and seconded Mariah Moras. All in favour - carried

Christine Walker in reviewing the minutes found one error in spelling. Vanessa corrected the word. Motion was made to adopt minutes as corrected by Christine Walker and seconded by Richard May. All in favour - carried

George Pattern presented financial report (see attached). As of December 31 2016 we had \$3242.23 in the bank. We have had our reports audited.

Motioned by George to submit the report as read. Christine Walker seconded. All in favour - carried.

George Pattern then presented proposed 2017 budget. George presented line by line. Discussion started around the proposal in the budget that we would be setting money aside to assist with other organizations within the community at their events. It was explained that the rationale for this is because the area council had received some requests for funding assistance.

It was then discussed that the council has always paid an amount towards the members who have had to travel in to the meeting as, it rotates each meeting between Nanaimo and Courtenay/Comox. Discussion ensued around the amount of \$25.00 which has been paid. Mariah had suggested that given the cost of fuel and the distance of travel that perhaps we should be increasing the amount because the amount was not covering the costs of travel given the cost of gas and wear and tear on the vehicle. This was discussed however, it was brought forward that it is not the role of the area council to merely offset the costs of travel but we still needed to ensure that there was money to operate and serve the membership. Rick Levigne moved that Members travelling more than 60 km to the area council meeting may be reimbursed \$25 for travel expenses. Christine Walker seconded. Motion carried.

As a part of the proposed budget it was discussed that the area council could put some money aside for funding an observer. It was agreed that the committee would not be able to fully fund the observer but it was agreed that they could cover reasonable expenses up to \$500.00.

It was then motioned by George Pattern to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Vanessa Miller. Motion carried.

Rick Levigne provided some information on the donations requests that we have received. One for the Comox Valley Pride Festival. This request was for \$300.00. The council discussed the opportunity to support this event and confirmed that this request would be accepted. Motion to support this request was made by Rick Levigne. Seconded by Richard May. Motion carried.

Nigel Pollard presented another request for donation for Aboriginal week. The funding requested would go to assist paying the Elders and Artisans who came to teach their classes. This was an event that was open to all members on the base in Comox and is the 3 year they had been

doing this event. It was stated that the local at the time had not known there was other avenues for funding so one of the members had ended up giving much of her own funds to pay for the events in years past. This request was for \$500.00. Motion to support the request made by Nigel Pollard. Seconded by Rick Levigne. Motion carried.

The committee then stated that they wanted to create a process that would allow for equal access from each of the communities under the north Vancouver island area council. It was stated that we could normally bring donation requests to the AGM and deal with donations on an annual basis. Rather than on an as submitted basis. George Pattern will create the form that will request some information from the organization about their event and what they want the money for.

Further discussions ensued around whether for reporting and consistency purposes that we request that we match donations rather than just give the money. This was discussed and it was determined that we should not be putting additional hoops for people to jump through.

Dave Jackson made the suggestion to reach out to National Aboriginal Peoples Circle for money for event in Comox. He had indicated that they were able to assist with the water ceremony in Victoria.

Rick Levigne Reported that it was a successful but challenging year with looks of learning curves. Thanked everyone for their help and patience, there is still much work to do with the upcoming provincial election and mentioned we must look at or bylaws and update.

Bargaining - Dave Jackson, provided the brief update. He stated that the PA group is waiting on ratification, like March to April. They were able to save sick leave. There was a discussion around PIPSC and ACFO deal that had been tentatively agreed to and the different MOA they had on sick leave. Dave then stated that the bargaining with IMP is very contentious and still on going. They will be into mediation in February. They are unable to strike and are on a binding arbitration route. YVR reached agreement last week as well

Planning Session:

The group agreed that rather than trying to run full scale events we should parachute into events that are already being planned. We discussed Fall Fairs, getting involved with the riding associations for the provincial elections, sending people to the miners memorial. However, it was noted that the miners memorial this year is the same weekend as convention which will limit the participation from the area council this year potentially. It was also noted that it had been a few years since the Area council had a booth at any of the labour day events. We noted that many of us all attended but PSAC never had a visible presence there and it would be good for us to focus on one of the events this year to ensure that we have some visibility. It was also stated that we would like to participate with the other unions through the labour council in the pride activities in each of Nanaimo and Courtenay/Comox this year. The group was unsure if there were pride events in Campbell River but agreed that they would attempt to find out so that we could support that event in some way as well.

Elections:

Dave Jackson runs the election. He calls for each position 3 times.

President - Vanessa Miller nominates Rick Levigne. Richard May seconds. No other nomination received. Rick allows his name to stand. He is acclaimed.

Vice President - Rick Levigne nominates Richard May. Seconded by George Pattern. Richard accepts nomination. Acclaimed

Treasurer- Richard May nominates George Pattern. Rick Levigne seconded. George accepts nomination. Acclaimed

Secretary - Rick Levigne nominates Vanessa Miller. Richard May seconded. Vanessa accepts nomination. Acclaimed

Dave then ran the election for the PSAC BC seat
Nominations for Rick Levigne by George Pattern and Mariah Moras
For Christine Walker. By Vanessa Miller and Nikki Dagasso
Both accept the nomination. A vote is conducted. Rick Levigne- elected

Motion made by Mariah Moras that the alternate be Christine Walker. Seconded by Vanessa Miller. All in favour.

Motion to destroy ballots. Moved by Mariah Moras. Seconded by Vanessa Miller. Motion carried.

Mariah Moras motioned that the alternate be considered the observer to PSAC BC Convention that the area council had agreed to fund up to \$500.00. Nikki Dagasso. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

It was then discussed that as a council we need to be going back into the locals and start recruiting. As a learning opportunity it was suggested that each person go back and think of a name to nominate for an alternate observer in the case of either Christine or Rick getting seats in another way.

Dave gave update on education in the PSAC.

Political action Courtenay training February 7 on canvassing.

Bylaws. Rick Levigne stated that we have been doing w review and it is clear that we need to update. We need to have another meeting to have the bylaws refreshed. We will do this at the next meeting as the bylaws have to be announced in advance of the meetings. Bylaw section 8 subsection 4 indicates that the president shall be a signatory on the account. Motion to move Rick Levigne to add as signing authority moved by George Pattern, seconded by Christine Walker. Motion carried.

Round table:
Nothing further added.

Next Meeting: March 25 2017 at 10:30 at Plates Courtenay.

Adjournment 12:30

