

PSAC Victoria Area Council
General Meeting – May 25, 2022, -530 PM
Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 677 4496 4727

Trish Martin- Area Council President / Ian Wiggs - Treasurer - UNDE 21008 / Leanne Hughes – Secretary -Note Taker -CIU 20042/ Ernest Hooker - UCTE 20220 / Megan Adam - Staff Rep / Charles Walker – DCL 20500 / Joe Walsh -GSU 20001

Trish Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting, she added the Vancouver Island Women's committee meeting was happening at the same time and we are on the eve of the Triennial PSAC convention starting.

Motion to approve agenda:
Mover Charles Walker
Seconder Joe Walsh
None opposed, - passed

Previous minutes to be postponed / delayed till next meeting from the February 2, 2022, meeting which was the AGM- minutes are posted on the PSACBC website.

Finances:

Treasurer Ian Wiggs reported that all bills are paid, and all cheques have been cashed. Balance of 4683.75

Motion to approve financial statements:
Mover Ian Wiggs
Seconded Joe Walsh
None opposed –Passed

Saanich Fair:

Trish Martin discussed the Saanich Fair and our having a booth during the labour day weekend on September 3, 4, and 5 2022. It is a great opportunity to meet with a potential of 400,000 people and good chance to engage the public on what public services there are and what we do as public servants for Canada and raise awareness. Need volunteers, who will get wrist bands, and food for volunteers. Must set up the Friday before the fair opens and take down on Monday after 4 pm. If anyone has a truck or large car, these will help in getting all the supplies we need to set up the booth. Previously James has helped with set up and take down. Trish to request from Varinder Johal at the PSACBC office for Overtime for staff to help with set up and take down. Reminder to reach out to your members for volunteers, volunteers are provided with speaking notes, swag / grab bags and previously council had rented a popcorn machine for this event. Trish to reach out to PSACBC for swag and component presidents should also be asked to donate. Trish regrets she will be on vacation during this time this year and suggested the last shift on Friday and Saturday, are good to hear / see bands, always good music.

Look at creating a carpool list, if comfortable with ride sharing.

Labour Day picnic do not attend anymore as numbers were declining and get more outreach at the Saanich Fair. Previously the picnic was held at Gorge point, James Bay Park and last couple of years on lawn at the BC Legislature.

Summer Barbeque:

Trish relayed that the Vancouver & District Area Council reached out to see if we were planning an event like theirs. Talked about planning and logistics on where and when to get together. Discussion around it being a good idea to reconnect in person, but maybe do snack and chats at local cafes for a couple of upcoming Saturdays. Could meet in small groups in different communities and maybe look forward to a barbeque in 2023 when the world is more opened up. It is also short notice to plan something that extensive in just a few weeks and would be good to have something in lieu of the ball tournament PSACBC used to host during public service weeks, before the pandemic. Suggestion that social media should be utilized to advertise these events and engage more members and our young workers. Trish to reach out to Patrick Bragg to see if this can be added to PSACBC website and Facebook page.

Bargaining Updates:

Leanne – FB team to meet in June.

Other Treasury Board Groups have reached impasse and PSACBC is holding a 2022 PSAC B.C. Treasury Board Regional Mobilization Summit on June 17, 2022. Might be some limited space for applications still left, apply asap.

Ian Wiggs added that the SV table/ common issues had reached impasse. Was concerns about covid at these in person events.

Tour de Rock Donation Request:

A request for a donation came in from Josh Peterson, UNDE Firefighter, who is riding in this year's event on the Island.

Trish Martin informed the council that Area Councils have been told to donate less than the usually do. Suggested to drop by 50 dollars each the donations we usually make in December to the Women's Shelters to \$200.00 each allowing us to donate \$100.00 to this request.

Discussion this was a great idea and have us put more pressure on locals and members to donate for the December causes. Reach out to Trish, Rosemary if locals want information on how to donate to the Tour de Rock and support Josh's ride for childhood cancer.

Trish Martin proud to support and motion this donation of \$100.00 to the tour de rock request and to adjust the December donations by \$50.00 each to allow for this, still giving \$200.00 each to the women's shelters, one up island and one on the southern part of the island.

Secunder Charles Walker

None opposed – Passed.

Round Table:

Trish Martin apologies for area council, had to take a second job due to phoenix pay issues and had done that for the past several months. Wants to get back to more communications and looking forward to seeing/ hearing more and seeing more membership engagement. Need to amp up community engagement. She knows the commissionaires are in bargaining, possible strike action, so if you see a commissionaire, show support and say hi and thanks for the jobs they do. They are having it a bit rough right now. Looking at having a monthly focus with the other committees, if focus on women one month, use Facebook, share links and get info shared on PSACBC website. Thanks for keeping me as your area council president.

Ernest Hooker nothing hanging in there.

Leanne Hughes no.

Charles Walker Young Workers committee, from their previous meeting looking forward to meeting in the community and at coffee meetups, and increasing social media presence around these events, to help mobilize the members. Looking forward to a vacation also. Proud to be a member of both the Area Council and the Young Workers Committee.

Joe Walsh will be sure to talk to the commissionaires at the graving dock and want to say thanks for welcoming him at the area council the last 2 years and hope to be more engaged. Trish Martin let the group know if there are any issues that come up and need assistance on , this council is a good place to raise it, and get some different ideas on what can be done.

Leanne Hughes raised the issue of passport offices and wondered if we could show some support to them? Trish Martin said she would reach out to their president and see what they thought might be good.

Ian Wiggs needs to follow up with Trish about cheques, they agreed to meet up for this in next little while. Had a possible strike action at CFB Esquimalt, and union could have picketed dockyard, so was a steep learning curve on what civilian and military leader learning on what to do. Ian knows his members know "Thou shalt not cross" a picket line.

Joe Walsh added similar situation across the water from Ian, members had concerns, an injunction happened and was hard to sort through what to do and what members had to say to managers to get them across the picket line with a manager accompanying them.

Trish Martin to write to PSAC about injunctions at one door and told to use another.

Megan Adam: Is a PSAC UHEW member, who is working as a Rep in the Victoria Regional Office till the end of June. Learning from James in case backfilling is needed.

Varinder Johal is backfilling for Luc in the Vancouver Regional Office.

PSAC offices have reopened. Victoria Regional office is at the Admirals Walk location, and if you need to book the board room call Rosemary. Still capacity limits, appointments for stopping by the office, masks, no food, and vaccination status/ passport checks will be in place, updated information to be sent out soon. Mentioned the bargaining summit happening June 17, 2022, as some TB table have reached impasse. Looking forward to more conversations around mobilizing members, reach out to Rosemary, James or Megan at the Victoria Regional office if there are questions.

Leanne Hughes mentioned FB is not at impasse and started bargaining later than the other tables.

Next Meeting will be June 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Trish Martin will send out information on this first hybrid meeting. Will discuss last minutes, Saanich fair, coffee dates and getting locals to donate to the Tour de Rock, Josh Peterson. See if other committees want to share in cost of coffee dates etc.

Motion to adjourn:

Mover Charles Walker

Seconded Ernest Hooker

Opposed none passed meeting ended at 6: ??????? Sorry did not get end time *****