

PSAC NVIAC Meeting Minutes

****Date:**** July 5, 2024

****Time:**** 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

****Location:**** Zoom Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

- ****Richard May****, Chairperson (RVP UHEW 20090)
- ****Bert Farwell****, Vice President (UCTE 20220)
- ****Janet Kirk****, Member (President UCT Local 20232)
- ****Jackie Robertson****, Member (President UTE Local 20028)
- ****Kaj Stirler****, Secretary (VP UNDE Local 21011)
- ****Christine Walker****, Retired Member (CLU member, BC Forum, Vice President of National Association of Federal Retirees, Liaison with BC Forum to the Nanaimo and Duncan District Labor Council)
- ****Kahla Lichti****, PSAC Representative
- ****Lahra O'Reilly****, Treasurer (NVIAC Treasurer & CRU Local 20947 Treasurer)
- ****Nickie-lee Dagasso****, CEIU 20947

Meeting Summary:

1. ****Opening Remarks:****

- ****Land Acknowledgement:**** Richard hosted the meeting on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.
- ****Harassment Coordinator:**** Janet was appointed to read the harassment statement.

2. ****Technical Issues:****

- **Virtual Meeting Troubleshooting:** Richard and Nickie-lee faced technical difficulties in adding participants such as Bert, Christine, Kaj, and Jackie. Despite issues with video, audio, and security settings, some participants were successfully added.

- **Zoom Autopilot Feature:** Technical problems with Zoom's autopilot feature hindered recording and transcription. The team decided to record the meeting manually, and Nickie-lee would add the recording to the Otter note-taking system later.

3. **Administrative Matters:**

- **Amendments to Meeting Minutes:** Richard discussed administrative changes to the previous meeting minutes, which were passed with amendments.

- **Agenda Updates:** Richard added discussions on Pride, a picnic at Kaj's place, the Union UH Development Program, and improvements to meeting notifications.

4. **Budget and Financial Issues:**

- **Auto AI Tool and Victoria Pride Costs:** Richard proposed a motion to cover up to \$150 for an AI tool upgrade. Seconded by Kaj. Motion passed.

- **Beads for Victoria Pride Event:** Richard proposed a motion to cover \$333.20 for beads for the Victoria Pride event. Seconded by Janet. Motion passed.

- **Rock Climbing Event:** The costs for the recent rock climbing event were confirmed as covered.

5. **Future Plans:**

- **Union Protein Project:** Richard emphasized the importance of this project, which involves procuring peanut butter for food banks. Plans include community outreach and securing funding.

- **Union Training:** Richard stressed the importance of training for union representatives and urged attendance at the PSAC HS Regional convention in October.

- **Meeting Notifications:** Richard clarified that official meetings could be hosted on any platform. Notifications will be sent to delegates and attendees 10 days prior, with a proposal to hold PSAC BC Regional meetings on the 5th of every month.

6. **Personnel Changes within CIU:**

- **Leadership Suspension:** Christine reported the suspension of Eddie Burke and Sergei Chima, CIU National President and Vice President, respectively. Phil Matheson and an unidentified alternate have assumed their roles.
- **Transportation Arrangement:** Richard promised to arrange transportation for the upcoming Sunday event.

7. **Picnic Event Planning:**

- **August 10th Picnic:** Bert agreed to organize food, with assistance from Richard and Nickie-lee. The event will run from 1 PM to 4 PM. Richard proposed a motion to fund the event up to \$1,500, with additional costs to be discussed via email vote. Seconded by Nickie-lee. Motion passed.

8. **Improving Member Engagement:**

- **Attendance and Engagement:** Richard highlighted challenges in member engagement and emphasized the importance of breaking down barriers to access club-related information.
- **Official Meeting Improvement:** Richard discussed the need for reps to be present at meetings and possible future conversations to ensure better attendance and input.

Next Steps:

- **Union Protein Project:**
 - Richard to reach out to committee chairs for planning.
 - Kai to plug the project at upcoming committee meetings.
 - Richard and Kayla to craft a call-out on the PSAC BC webpage.
 - Laura to promote the project at Local 20947's events and meetings.
 - Kayla to help source information materials.
 - Richard to create flyers/postcards for the picnic.

- **Picnic Event:**

- Kai to create a map for the picnic location.
- Bert to prepare a grocery list, including vegan options.
- Richard to look into PSAC event insurance coverage.
- Kai to contact strata about venue costs.

Motions:

1. **Auto AI Tool Upgrade:**

- **Motion:** To cover up to \$150 for an AI tool upgrade.
- **Moved by:** Richard May
- **Seconded by:** Kaj Stirler
- **Outcome:** Motion passed concurrently

2. **Beads for Victoria Pride Event:**

- **Motion:** To cover \$333.20 for beads for the Victoria Pride event.
- **Moved by:** Richard May
- **Seconded by:** Janet Kirk
- **Outcome:** Motion passed concurrently.

3. **Funding for August 10th Picnic:**

- **Motion:** To fund the picnic event up to \$1,500, with additional costs to be discussed via email vote.
- **Moved by:** Richard May
- **Seconded by:** Nickie-lee
- **Outcome:** Motion passed concurrently.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024, due to the President's absence in August.

Prepared by: Kaj Stirler, Secretary

Approved by: Richard May, Chair

These minutes are a formal record of the PSAC NVIAC meeting held on July 5, 2024, and are intended for distribution to all relevant parties for review and action.