
****Meeting Minutes**

North Vancouver Island Area Council

December 5, 2022**

****Attendees:****

- Richard May, UHEW, President of the Area Council
- Bert Farwell, CEIU Local 20220, Vice President of the Area Council
- Kaj Stirler, UNDE Local 21011 1st VP, Secretary of the Area Council
- Lahra Latham, CEIU Local 20947, Treasurer of the Area Council
- Janet Kirk, CEIU Local 20232, Local President
- Christine Walker, Retired CIU Member of Local 20947, Vice President of the National Association of Federal Retirees
- Nicole Petri, CEIU Local 20500, Director
- Martha Johnson PSAC Regional Representative and Technical Advisor

****Regrets:****

- None
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1. ****Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement****

Kaj Stirler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and provided a land acknowledgement, recognizing the traditional territories of the Quw'utsun and Cowichan peoples. He emphasized the importance of education on the 94 calls to action.

2. ****Quorum and Introductions****

Richard May confirmed the presence of quorum. Each participant introduced themselves and their local affiliations.

3. ****Approval of Agenda****

Kaj Stirler called for a motion to approve the agenda. Richard May requested to include discussions on the BC Fed Convention and the clawback on public service pensions. The agenda was approved with these additions, moved by Richard May and seconded by Nicole Petri.

****Motion passed unanimously.****

4. ****Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes****

Kaj Stirler requested approval of the previous meeting's minutes. Bert Farwell moved to approve, and Janet Kirk seconded. ****Motion passed unanimously.****

5. ****Treasurer's Report****

Lahra Latham reported no changes in balances, no disbursements, and no income. Richard May reminded members to submit all financial paperwork by January 15. Discussion ensued regarding the need for a proposed budget for the following year. Lahra confirmed that bank statements were last reviewed during the annual audit.

6. ****Union Protein Project****

Richard May discussed the Union Protein Project and proposed fundraising ideas. Kaj Stirler suggested organizing a New Year's Bash with fireworks and live music. Concerns about security and liability were raised. Martha Johnson recommended consulting Jamey Mills for insurance guidelines. Richard May proposed holding a private event to solicit donations.

7. ****New Business and Initiatives****

Janet Kirk introduced the Northern Birthday Box project and a Christmas in a Box initiative for light station communities.

8. ****Recruitment Strategies and Educational Opportunities****

Richard May announced plans to visit Vancouver for young worker recruitment. The successful rock climbing event was discussed, with plans for a photo shoot to promote inclusivity. Kaj Stirler highlighted the new winter/spring schedule for PSAC education.

9. ****President's Report****

Richard May reported on the BC Fed conference, noting successful motions and networking opportunities. He discussed the public service pension clawback, urging members to educate themselves. Bert Farwell mentioned the federal government's attempt to access \$7.9 billion from the pension fund.

10. ****Next Meeting****

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

11. ****Adjournment****

Kaj Stirler adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM. **Motion to adjourn was unanimous.**

Minutes submitted by: Kaj Stirler, Secretary
