

## **East Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting Minutes**

June 8, 2023

WhiteSpot Whatcom Road, Abbotsford.

6:42pm

Quorum was met

In attendance:

Antony Paller, President

Heidi Kay, Secretary

Alan Otrasina, USJE Local 20141

Kirsty Harvard, RVP USJE

Stacey Gauthier, USJE Local 20150

Julie Kelly, CIU Local 20045

Pippa Mann USJE Local 20130

Regrets: Amanda MacKinnon, Vice President

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Antony asked if there were any additions to the agenda. As there were none, he motioned the agenda be adopted as presented.

1. Financial Report
2. Summer & Fall Events
3. BC Regional Committee Summit
4. Strike Debrief
5. Roundtable

Moved by Heidi Kay

Seconded by Alan

Motion carried

## **Financial Report**

Brad Shaw has resigned from his position as Treasurer. Alan will collect the finance books from him and meet with Heidi to hand them over.

EFVAC received 1452.00 which is 548.00 less than what was requested.

Account Balance will be reviewed at upcoming meeting.

## **Events**

This year the Labour Day Picnic will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup> at Mill Lake, Abbotsford. EFVAC will participate again setting up a tent and handing out ice cream/popsicles to attendees. A meeting will be held later in summer to finalize the details.

We need to work on engaging members and will plan on events to be held at CSC's Matsqui Complex, Kent/Mountain/Mission Institutions, Chilliwack Service Canada and Agassiz's Agricultural Research Center.

This year for a charitable donation PSAC has asked that instead of just donating money that the area councils get more involved with their community as well as donate. After much discussion, it was decided that one possible activity would be to make up hygiene bags for people affected by homelessness in our communities. These could be distributed by our area council the Mission, Abbotsford and Chilliwack areas. More discussion/planning around this to be held at the September meeting.

## **Committees & Conventions**

### **BC Regional Committee Summitt**

Two Executive members were nominated to attend the BC Regional Committee Summitt; Brad Shaw and Amanda McKinnon. Antony will email to let them know they have been elected to attend.

### **PSAC Convention**

The 2 day in person event was held in early May. There were no contentious issues and they were able to get through all the priority resolutions. Jamey Mills was re elected as REVP and Kirsty Havard was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate and Warren Wulff was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate.

EFVAC now has 4 members on the BC PSAC Regional Council; Kirsty Havard, Alan Otrrosina, Laura Wildly and Krista Tebbutt.

### **Strike Debrief**

Alan requested feedback on how the strike went at each of the sites. He would be providing this information to PSAC at an upcoming meeting.

There was a lot on confusion and members did not know what they were supposed to do.

Online training said it will be progressive action but that did not happen. Many members were in denial that we were going on strike.

Members were told the strike would be 3-5 days maximum.

There were not enough bathrooms, tents, tables, water, ponchos, placards, etc.

Strike Captains should have been had a meeting with PSAC at least a month before the date to go over the plan for the strike.

PSAC was not available to speak to. Staff went to high profile sites to picket.

Regional Reps had their convention the week of the strike; the strike should have been scheduled for the following week.

Members had not faith in the code readers – people were signing in the manual sheets as a back up.

### **Roundtable**

A big thank you was extended to Stacey for his service to the EFVAC and his years of services to USJE. We wish him well on his next adventure.

Antony thanked everyone for attending and made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Alan.

Seconded by Julie.

Accepted by all.

Meeting concluded at 8:46 pm