

Meeting Minutes: PSAC North Vancouver Island Area Council

Date: Sun, Nov 05, 2023

Time: 6:34PM – 7:48PM

Attendees:

- Richard May RVP UHEW 20090
- Kaj Stirler VP UNDE Local 21011
- Jessica Dagasso Young Worker Coordinator, CRU Local 20947
- Nikki Dagasso CEIU 20947
- Christine Walker: retired CLU membe, a member of BC forum, and vice president of National Association of federal retirees and liaison with BC forum to the Nanaimo and Duncan district Labor Council
- Janet Kirk President UCT Local 20232
- Jackie Robertson President UTE Local 20028
- Warren Wulf South Island Co-Ordinator
- Lahra O’Riley NVIAC Treasurer & CRU Local 20947 Treasurer

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

- Richard May called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.

2. Approval of Agenda Amendments

- Jessica Dagasso requested to add a discussion about a rock climbing social to the agenda.
- Lahra O’Reily requested to move the treasurer’s report to the very end of the meeting.
- Agenda amendments were approved.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the previous meeting were not available for approval due to technical issues.

- Kaj Stirler mentioned that he would be able to finalize the minutes after the meeting.

4. Acceptance of Agenda

- Richard May asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as amended.
- Kaj Stirler motioned to accept the agenda.
- Janet Kirk seconded the motion.
- The agenda was accepted.

5. Roll Call

- Richard May called for a roll call, with each attendee introducing themselves.
- Attendees stated their names and their roles in the local unions.

6. Discussion: Union Protein Project

- Richard May discussed the union protein project, proposing a partnership with various committees on the island and seeking contributions from local unions.
- It was decided that further organization and coordination would be needed, and the project would be pushed to the next year.

7. Discussion: Rock Climbing Social

- Jessica Dagasso presented the plan for a rock climbing social to reach a larger target audience.
- Funding support was requested from the North Island Area Council.
- Janet Kirk proposed a motion to provide financial support for the event.
- Kaj Stirler seconded the motion.
- However, the motion was tabled until the next meeting, as it was an unofficial planning meeting and official approval could not be given.

8. Educational Opportunities

- Richard May encouraged members to take advantage of educational opportunities offered by PSACBC.
- He mentioned upcoming workshops and courses and urged members to check the PSAC BC website for more information.

9. National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

- Richard May raised the idea of participating in the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.
- He proposed joining an existing event or organizing a candlelight vigil in Nanaimo, depending on what was happening locally.
- Christine Walker recommended speaking to Janet Kirk or Jen McPherson to gather information on existing events.

10. Financial Update

- Lahra O'Riley provided a verbal financial update, noting checks that were issued for various reimbursements and event expenses.
- She mentioned that a comprehensive report would be prepared for the next meeting.

11. Roundtable

- Kaj Stirler mentioned his attendance at the Montreal National Equity conference and provided a brief report.
- He also sought approval to nominate Bert and Richard for the Solidarity Excellence Award.
- However, the nomination was postponed until the next official meeting.

12. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting was scheduled for December 5, 2023.

Action Items:

- Kaj Stirler to confirm the date and provide updates on the rock climbing social.
- Lahra O'Riley to prepare a comprehensive financial report for the next meeting.
- Richard May to coordinate with Jen McPherson and gather information on local events for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.
- Jessica Dagasso to provide an email with details on the rock climbing social for distribution to locals.
- Janet Kirk to explore the possibility of local funding support for the event.
- Warren Wulf to confirm attendance for the training event on November 26.

Adjournment:

- Richard May adjourned the meeting at 7:48PM.