

# Vancouver Island Regional Women's Committee

October 8, 2024

All committee members attending remotely

## Attendees

Ramya RN Reddy – UTE 20028

Janet Kirk – UCTE 20232

Bronwyn Heney – Secretary, UNDE 21008

Danielle Dardengo - UNDE 21011

Darcy Gasena – UNDE 21008

Leanne Hughes – CIU 20042

Priscilla Lam – PSAC BC Regional Women's Coordinator (guest)

Kahla Lichti – PSAC facilitator

## Opening

- Meeting called to order 1805 by Ramya RN Reddy

## Previous Meeting Minutes

- Bronwyn Heney motions to accept last meetings minutes. Janet Kirk seconds. No opposition.
- Janet Kirk did not receive the previous minutes, this was rectified.

## Agenda Review

- Bronwyn Heney motions to amend agenda to include motioning the agenda. Danielle Dardengo seconded the motion. No opposition.
- Bronwyn Heney motions to approve agenda. Danielle Dardengo seconds. No opposition.

## Treasurer's Report

- Janet Kirk delivers the Treasurer Report. There is \$4,427.99 in the Committees account.
- Janet Kirk motions to adopt treasurer's report as delivered. Leanne Hughes seconds. No opposition

## Co-Chair Election Discussion and Other Housekeeping

- Kahla Litchi currently cannot be a co-chair due to her extended position with the PSAC.
- The Committee discusses making changes to its TOR to require a smaller quorum for meetings. The Committee can only change its TOR at the AGM with 30 days' notice that the TOR will be on the agenda.
- Bronwyn Heney motions to use fee Otter AI at the Committees next meeting on a trial basis. Janet Kirk seconds. No opposition.
- The Committee will continue to operate under the current TOR and will run an election for the Committee chair at the AGM.
- The Committee must have one more meeting this year to meet its requirements.
- The Committee will discuss changing the TOR so that the Committee has co-chairs instead of chair and vice-chair in the future.

## Report Back

- Danielle Dardengo, Pricilla Lam, Kahla Litchi have been in the Union Leadership program that is run every 3 years.
- Danielle Dardengo's team is putting on an all-member forum October 16 for the BC election and requests funds for the event.
- Janet Kirk motions to fund Danielle Dardengo's all-member forum up to \$200. Bronwyn Heney seconds. No opposition.

## Nootka 2025

- Background: The Committee discussed and looked into planning an overnight camp at Nootka for 2024, plans were postponed until 2025.
- Current Plans: A 3-day overnight camp at Nootka, using the Uchuck ferry to get there, however there is a challenge in renting a bus because the cost is prohibitive.
- The Committee will create a budget line for this event to be approved at its next AGM.

## PSAC Upcoming Training

- There is a Health and Safety conference in 2 weeks.
- Fall PSAC training has been posted – however applications have ended.
- PSAC is running an “anti-return to office” campaign
- PSAC is running a “save the lighthouses” campaign.

## Subcommittees

- Committee members are invited to form a subcommittee for Nootka 2025.
- Janet Kirk, Danielle Dardengo, and Ramya RN Reddy volunteer.
- If any other Committee members wish to help out with Nootka 2025, they should reach out to these 3.

## Round Table

- Ramya RN Reddy, Bronwyn Heney, Danielle Dardengo, Darcy Gasena , Leanne Hughes have nothing to add.
- Janet Kirk would like the Committee to look into and possibly support the Northern Birthday Project; this group sends birthday packages to people in remote communities.
- Janet Kirk also discussed the Save the Lighthouses campaign and expressed her pessimism regarding its success; the lighthouses are not earthquake resilient and pose a safety hazard.

## Priscilla Lam Address

- Would like to remind the Committee to keep its signing authority up to date with the changes in Committee executive and to have at least 3 members with signing authority to prevent anyone from needing to sign a cheque to themselves.
- Priscilla Lam requests that the Committee approach her as PSAC BC Regional Women’s Coordinator for funding for any committee outreach events
- The PSAC BC Regional Women’s Conference is being planned, Priscilla Lam encourages the Committee to start considering possible resolutions it may want to put forward. Example: the PSAC’s Domestic Violence training is not offered regularly, the Committee could put forward a resolution to have it offered at least every 3-years.
- Priscilla Lam’s Union Leadership Program group will be doing an online event, via zoom, for remote areas of BC and Vancouver Island – the current plan is Pictionary.

## Closing

- Bronwyn Heney motions to adjourn. No opposition.
- Meeting adjourned at 1908.
- Next Committee meeting will be held December 9 at 1800.