

Meeting of North Vancouver Island PSAC Area Council

December 7, 2013

Meeting held at: White Spot Restaurant in Courtenay BC

Attendees: Tom Hopkins – President NVI PSAC Area Council, Cheryl Hayes - CEIU 20963, George Stringer – Big Qualicum Hatchery UEW 20147, Michael Recalma – Big Qualicum Hatchery UEW 20147, Sharon VanderDonck - CEIU 20963, Christine Walker - CEIU20947.

1. Introductions around the table.

Christine motioned to adopt agenda. Tom seconded. All in favour.

2. Minutes from previous meetings May 4, 2013 and September 14, 2013

Minutes from May 4, 2013 were reviewed.

Tom explained the financial repercussions regarding funding from PSAC as stated by Bob Jackson.

Tom motioned to accept minutes from May 4, 2013. George seconded. All in favour

Review of minutes from September 14, 2013.

BBQ meeting was held. Christine felt that this meeting did not include a quorum, and therefore, could not be counted as a meeting. The requirement for quorum is 2 executive and 1 member at large. Cheryl felt there were no motions at this meeting where a quorum would be required, therefore, it would still constitute a meeting. Tom will review this with PSAC regional office for clarification.

Tom moved to accept minutes of September 14, 2013. George seconded. 5 in favour. Christine opposed.

3. Financial Report

Sharon – Financial statement for period January 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013 was reviewed. It was noted that we did not receive our 2013 financial allocation from the REVP. Tom will ask Bob Jackson the reason for this.

Tom will request the allocation from PSAC for our Area Council in order to conduct business. Christine will bring up this topic at the next BC Regional Council Meeting January 17-19, 2014.

Sharon asked re: her role as treasurer and petty cash account.

Tom motioned to accept financial report – George seconded. All in favour

Tom wanted to thank Sharon on behalf of the Area Council for all her hard work.

4. President's Report – Tom

On TC Bargaining Team – Tom to inform people what is going on – possible notice to come soon

Discussion took place regarding the defunct Nanaimo Area Council account. The REVP has written to the Credit Union asking them to remit the funds to the PSAC due to non-activity on the account. The account remains open.

Tom will talk to Bob Jackson re: annual allocation to our Area Council and the allocation of Nanaimo funds to our Area Council. Tom commented that it looks like this issue is close to being resolved.

Protect Our Coastlines – Defend our Communities Campaign. In Campbell River more than 100 from across the region attended 2 weeks ago regarding this issue.

Bill C-4 – currently organizing a lobby group to talk to our MP John Duncan in protest to this Bill and to discuss the expansion of the Canada Pension Plan

Bargaining: The PSAC National Bargaining Conference will take place in Ottawa on Valentine's Day weekend. There will be an election of Bargaining Teams for PA,TC, and SV bargaining units

This concludes Tom's report

5. PSAC – BC Convention

Call is out for delegates for the Convention to be held April 25-27, 2014. The Area Council is entitled to 1 delegate. Registration fee of \$200 must be payable to PSAC-BC Region.

Christine asked by Tom to run election for delegate.

Call for nominations – George nominated Tom Hopkins for delegate – Sharon seconded. Elected by acclamation.

Call for nominations for alternate to delegate. Tom nominated Cheryl Hayes as alternate. Sharon seconded. Elected by acclamation.

A resolution to be sent to the PSACBC convention that the BC REVP provide annual funding to BC Area Councils was discussed (see attachment).

Motion to adopt resolution: Christine Walker

Seconded by: Tom Hopkins

All in Favour: unanimous

6. Political Action:

Bill C-4 will take away rights of union members. Meeting is being organized with John Duncan. Tom will let everyone know once this is scheduled.

Collective Bargaining: National Bargaining Conference to set priorities. George asked re: Severance packages as his members are asking. Tom to get information and get back to George (Fisheries)

7. Annual General Meeting

It was decided we needed to have an Emergency meeting to plan for our January 2014 AGM . The meeting was scheduled as a conference call (as per our bylaws) for Sunday December 8, 2013 at 3:00 PM. Sharon volunteered to arrange the call. Tom, Cheryl and George agreed to be included on the call.

8. Members concerns:

Most of the issues have been previously discussed throughout meeting.

The PSAC BC Regional Council meeting will be held January 17-19, 2013. Check the National site for information. Christine to bring up the topic that the national site is not as user friendly as in the past.

Tom will check deadlines for registration fee for delegate (\$200) to the PSAC BC Regional convention.

George moved that the meeting be adjourned. Christine seconded. All in favour. 12:15 pm.

Cheryl Hayes

Secretary, NVI PSAC Area Council