

# **PSAC NCR Communications Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2019

## **I. Call to Order**

Shawn Walker called to order the meeting of the PSAC NCR Communications Committee on March 12, 2019 at 233 Gilmour at 5:40 pm.

## **II. Roll Call**

The following persons were present: Shawn Walker, Karen Reimer, Behiye Cinkilic, Robert Hawgood, St. Clair Currie, Carla Ross, Karl Lafreniere (PSAC), Greg McGillis (PSAC NCR REVP)

## **III. Approval of Agenda**

Motioned by Rob, seconded by Behiye. Approved.

## **IV. Approval of Minutes July – December 2018**

Motioned by St. Clair, seconded by Carla. Approved with minor corrections.

- January 2019 meeting was cancelled due to attendance and weather conditions
- February 2019 minutes – As secretary joined late and by phone, notes are largely unavailable. Notes from others have been requested.

## **V. Agenda Items**

### **1. Update on Committee Conference/Summit**

Greg McGillis stopped in for update

- Concerns regarding lower participation, charges from committee members to others, and upcoming changes in committee structure
- We need committee growth, speaking to members
- There are greater issues – Doug Ford, Phoenix, CA bargaining – no one seems to be panicking.
- Also there are concerns of how effective this summit would be, same folks, and there are plans specifically for training for committee Chairs.
- Discussion of making this more like a conference, maybe moved to the fall, for 2020
- At end of discussion, it was confirmed that we have Greg's support, though he advises leaving it, or at least looking at it more strategically.
- Tabled for next meeting

## **2. MASC and IAC Event**

Rep from IAC unable to make it to meeting. St. Clair and Carla to get reps to come to April meeting.

## **3. Committee Retreat**

St. Clair would like to try that again this year, this time with planned outcomes.

- Not mandatory
- Suggested: July 19-21 at Raven's Knoll, in Eganville
- a) Rough planning would be to connect Friday evening as people arrive, a touch base meeting after dinner on Saturday, and then again before everyone leaves on Sunday
  - Suggested content:
    - Camaraderie building
    - Forward look-ahead
    - Brainstorming for next year's big event
    - How could we evolve?
    - Something that ties the work and community building at the campground, with the work done with/for the union

## **4. Update from Karl**

Karen to send to Karl the sign-in info to start updating member contacts

- Burnt by Phoenix – Saturday March 16, at the church at St-René & Lorrain
- Gathering at 199 Montée Dalton – Steven McKinnon

## **5. Update from Behiye**

March 21, Film Event with RVAC and IAC, 6pm-8pm in JK Wyllie room at 233 Gilmour – playing the film Indian Horse. Open to all.

## **6. AGM in April**

Past giving 30 days' notice for meeting, so suggested to move it to May.

Motioned by St. Clair, Seconded by Rob, all in favour.

## **VI. Round Table**

Health and Safety Conference April 6-7 at Holiday Inn. Last day for applications is March 19.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Shawn Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Reimer