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**MINUTES
NORTH OKANAGAN LABOUR COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1996
B.C.G.E.U. OFFICE, SUTHERLAND AVENUE
KELOWNA, B.C.**

AFFILIATES PRESENT:

Gary Blanke	IAM #2710	Dave Eastmead	CUPE #523
David Doran	UBCJ #1346	Roy Hartwig	UBCJ #1346
Judi Filion	BCGEU #707	June Scott	CUPE #3523
Jose A. Mendes	BCGEU #1007	Bert Mitchell	OTEU #15
David Mitchell	TWU #16	Maria Tokarchuk	HSA
Ken Robinson	HEU	John Broughton	HEU
Maria Hammer	HEU	Ken Wollen	TWU #6
Ron Tralnberg	HEU	Bob Barten	BCGEU #2007
Malcolm Broxham	UBCJ #1370	Kevin Swetlishoff	HEU

GUESTS:

Art Larocque, CLC Representative
Neil Ferguson, CUPE #3523

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Fox at 7:37 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S/C to adopt the agenda of April 10, 1996.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

M/S/C to adopt minutes of March 6, 1996, as sent out and circulated.

AT THIS TIME IT WAS POINTED OUT, REGARDING MINUTES, THAT ANYONE NOT RECEIVING MINUTES, WHO SHOULD BE, OR ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE DELETED FROM THE DELEGATE MAILING LIST, SHOULD CONTACT THE CUPE OFFICE (762-7919).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Spring School - see attached report.

M/S/C - to receive the report.

- b. Day of Mourning - to be recognized at 11:00 a.m., April 29, 1996.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - cont'd.

- c. RAC Report - a verbal report on the Regional Advisory Committee was given by Malcolm Broxham.
M/S/C - to receive the report.

CREDENTIAL REPORT:

M/S/C: 20 present, with 18 delegates and 2 guests as at 7:55 p.m.

OBLIGATION OF NEW DELEGATES:

Maria Hammer, HEU
June Scott, CUPE #3523
Ron Trainberg, HEU
John Broughton, HEU

FINANCIAL REPORT:

M/S/C - to accept Secretary-Treasurer David Doran's report as circulated. (See attached.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

M/S/C - to accept President Jeff Fox's report. (See attached.)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Shuswap Labour Council - looking to share in purchasing of Working T.V.
M/S/C: to make \$80.00 available to purchase 24 Working TV videos for '96.
- b. Silver Lake Camp:
M/S/C: to sponsor 2 children (1 male, 1 female) to attend B.C. Forestry Association Silver Lake Camp.
- c. M/S/C: to receive and file the following Action Correspondence:
- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - donation request
 - Canadian Health Coalition - donation request
 - Media Watch Alliance - donation request
 - National Anti-Poverty Organization - donation request
 - NAC/CLC - Women's March Against Poverty - donation request
- c. M/S/C: to donate \$100.00 to Steve Orcheron's NDP campaign.

REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS:

Maria Tokarchuk - HSA:

HSA, as well as the other health care unions, are also in negotiations. Our demands are reasonable, with an emphasis on job security provisions. The employer's representatives are demanding major concessions and rollbacks of long standing items in the contract, e.g., sick leave and holiday entitlements. We are hopeful that recent announcements by the Health Minister and Premier will translate into good news at the bargaining table.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. M/S/C: to sponsor a delegate to participate at the 1996 Summer Institute for Union Women, June 8 - 12, 1996, at SFU.
- b. M/S/C: to donate \$200.00 to local Kelowna Women's Resource Centre to assist them in organizing Women's March Against Poverty, May 17, 1996.
- c. M/S/C: to endorse resolution on Interior CLC Staff Position. (See attached.)
- d. M/S/C: to accept report from Faye Saxon on Board of Referees for Unemployment Insurance. (See attached.)

GOOD & WELFARE:

- a. Judi Filion is Labour Liaison for NDP West Candidate Ken Charlish.
- b. BCGEU Charity Golf Tournament - August 4, 1996.
- c. Kelowna Humanitarian Aid for Cuba Committee hosting Canada & Cuba Facing U.S. Power, Historical Perspectives, Public Address and Discussion on April 17 at Unitarian Church, 1310 Bertram Street. Free admission.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

KEN ROBINSON,
Recording Secretary
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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1996,
AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE GREEN, VERNON.**

NOLC/SOLC Labour School Report

March 9/10, 1996

This year there were 7 courses offered:

- Assertiveness
 - Steward I (Basic) (very popular)
 - Steward II (Grievance Handler)
 - Financial Planning *
 - NDP Campaign Workshop (very popular)*
 - Provincial Labour Law (dropped due to lack of registrations)
 - Steward As Educator (dropped due to lack of registrations)
- * one day workshops

This year we had 56 registrations, with 48 people attending classes. The school was held at the north campus of OUC (near the airport). At our plenary session we had Jeff Fox & Art Laroque bring greetings from the NOL & the CLC with an introduction of Gord Anderson from the SOLC. Political greetings were delivered by Jim Beattie, MLA Penticton, and Ken Charlish, NDP candidate for Okanagan West (BCGEU member).

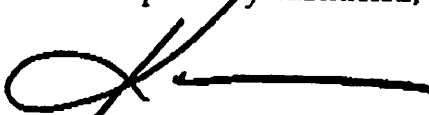
This year, as well, my union The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) held a Building Union Solidarity course where an additional 16 people attended the school.

Registrations were down due to this year's sabbatical of IWA workers. Usually they make up about 50% of the school. The other registrations remained the same as previous years with some people coming from Kamloops, Revelstoke, Princeton & Osoyoos. People came from all unions including BCGEU, PSAC, CUPE 523, CUPE 3523, BWD, OPEIU, IAM, Carpenters, Kamloops & District Labour Council, TWU, UFCW, & CEP.

Overall, I feel the school went very well. We tried some different courses that were very well received. We made a whole \$6.94 so it was very close regarding expenses. the problem with a smaller school is that the classrooms cost the same regardless of the number of registrations. I hope we will see IWA back next year or we may have to make some adjustments.

Thanks to all those who helped out during the day.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Abramsen