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MINUTES  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
NORTH OKANAGAN LABOUR COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1999  
KELOWNA, BC

**AFFILIATES PRESENT:**

Bill Dingman	CUPE #338	David Doran	CARP #1346
Scott Koch	BCGEU	Pat Bulmer	CEP #2000
Art Larocque	CLC	David Mitchell	TWU #16
Roy Graham	Brewery #300	Tracie Connor	H.E.U.
Maria Tokarchuk	H.S.A.	Tony Heisterkamp	CARP #1346
Shirl Kavaloff	H.S.A.	Louise Turner	HEU

**GUESTS:**

Kerry Lomax, I.A.M.  
Karen Abramsen, NDP

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by David Mitchell at 7:34 P.M.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

M/S/C to adopt the agenda of April 7, 1999.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

M/S/C to adopt March 1999 Minutes.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT:**

M/S/C: 14 present, with 12 delegates and 2 guests.

**REPORTS:**

M/S/C to adopt the following reports:

Art Larocque – CLC Representative – Report attached.

Pat Bulmer – CEP 2000 – Contract negotiations at The Daily Courier and Penticton Herald are off to a slow start. The first day of negotiations took place last month with the next two days of talks scheduled for May 26-27. The rumor mill is heating up again about a sale of the Courier and Herald. The alleged new owner has been seen meeting managers and pouring over books the last couple days. For those who missed the news, the Westbank First Nation came out with a proposed new labour code last month. Modeled after a Kamloops Indian Band labour code, it would ban strikes, lockouts and compulsory union dues.

Roy Graham – Brewery Workers L. 300 – Brewers Distributions Ltd. (BDL) downsizing is still our biggest problem province-wide. Kamloops has closed and very close to home BDL Kelowna has been downsized by 50% to 10 full time 2 part time. Those left have reduced benefits. OK Springs Brewery currently in negotiations. Okanagan region still doing well in terms of growth. Hope to be hiring at the two major wineries. Coming into a very busy time for our certifications in the region.

Marie Mentz – NOLC Registrar – Education Report – School went well on March 27 & 28. A total of 104 participants. We had 12 students under the age of 19 at Job Smart. Next year's school will be moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March. Thanks for another great year.

David Mitchell – TWU #16 – Letter attached.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

M/S/C – Financial Report as circulated (copy attached).

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:**

1. M/S/C to send \$50.00 to the Maquila Solidarity Network re Child Labour.
2. M/S/C to send \$40.00 to the Multicultural Society of Kelowna.
3. M/S/C we provide an additional \$500.00 for President's expenses to the CLC Convention in Toronto.
4. M/S/C to purchase new computer system from DCC Systems Ltd. For \$1,777.26.
5. M/S/C to spend up to \$100.00 for supporting material for the Day of Mourning April 29, 1999.
6. M/S/C to pay lost wages to Marie Mentz to attend at Kelowna City Council with Brother Mitchell re Day of Mourning April 26, 1999.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Report on Day of Mourning April 28, 1999 at 11:00 AM. Please take a moment at 11:00 AM to recognize workers injured or killed on the job.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Notice of Motion to send 2 delegates to the Provincial NDP Convention in Burnaby June 18 – 20.

**FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT:**

M/S/C: 12 delegates and 2 guests.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Please support the Projectionists on lockout in Kelowna and Vernon. Support is needed from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8.23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

**BILL DINGMAN**  
RECORDING SECRETARY

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1999  
7:30 P.M., AT THE VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL IN VERNON**