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**MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NORTH OKANAGAN LABOUR COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1998
VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL, VERNON, B.C.**

AFFILIATES PRESENT:

Liz Fletcher	TWU #16	Chris Cooper	CUPE #1123
Tony Heisterkamp	UBCJ #1346	Simo Korpisto	CUPE #626
Faye Saxon	OTEU #15	Pat Bulmer	CEP #226
Karen Folz	HERE #40	Loreen Lamberton	HEU
Bert Mitchell	OTEU #15	Laurie Vardon	TWU #16
Don Thomas	UBCJ #1346	Roy Hartwig	UBCJ #1346
David Mitchell	TWU #16	Karen Abramsen	CEIU #20972
Jose A. Mendes	BCGEU #1007	Betty Reid	BCGEU #507
D. Doran	UBCJ #1346	Louise Turner	HEU
Bill Dingman	CUPE #338	Marie Mentz	TWU #16

GUESTS:

Alisha Wypych, CJIB Radio	Don Main, UBCJ #1346
Debra Critchley, Vernon Women's Centre	Art Larocque, CLC

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President David Mitchell at 7:33 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

M/S/C to adopt the agenda of May 6, 1998.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Debra Critchley, Vernon & District Women's Centre, gave report

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

M/S/C to adopt minutes as mailed out and circulated. Correction - the April meeting was held in Kelowna.

CREDENTIALS REPORT:

M/S/C: 23 present, with 19 delegates and 4 guests as at 8:55 p.m.



OBLIGATION OF NEW DELEGATES:

Brother Roy Hartwig, UBCJ #1346
Sister Christine Cooper, CUPE #1123

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

M/S/C: to accept President's Report (copy attached).

REPORTS FROM LOCAL UNIONS/COMMITTEES, etc.TWU #16 - David Mitchell:

1. B.C. Tel has changed cafeteria companies from Beaver Foods to Restauro-nics effective June 13, 1998. The existing employees have been informed they must re-apply for their positions with the new company, probably at lower wages and changed hours. The new company is also planning to replace cafeteria services at four B.C. Tel locations with vending machines. The TWU is attempting to certify these workers to try to protect their jobs, wages, hours, etc.
2. The TWU has recently certified Rogers Cable outside workers in Abbotsford, Surrey and Vancouver.
3. B.C. Tel is implementing a new program June 1, 1998. This program will replace 30 existing systems. It will result in the loss of many jobs company-wide. It will impact our accounting, supply, stress, and engineering groups. The TWU is negotiating with B.C. Tel to minimize the impact.

David also reported on the National Day of Mourning - see attached.

TWU #16 - Marie Mentz

United Way is hosting a day of United Way Awareness for our agencies June 6 at Orchard Park Shopping Centre from 9:30 - 5:30. Drop by and say hi.

We have two new member agencies, Belaire Women's Society and Ki-Low-na Friendship Society, as well as a new affiliated member agency, FOCUS, for Life Threatening Illness Society. With Penticton coming on board, we had to come up with a new name to reflect the geographic area. The new name will be United Way of the Central and South Okanagan/Similkameen. Elections were held this past month. Our new president is Ron Labossiere, new secretary is Karen Abramsen. The United Way was awarded a bingo license for Blue Heights Bingo. Our license is for 13 events and our time slot is 9:15 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. this is our new fundraiser. Please come support the United Way. Dates are as follows: the Sundays of May 17th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, November 29th, December 27th, January 24th 1999, February 21st, March 21st.

CEIU #20972 - Karen Abramsen

RAC Report on Treaty Negotiations: Scott Koch and I attended a meeting on April 30, 1998. The process is becoming far clearer. There are three stages to each topic being discussed.

1st stage – each of the three interested parties (BC, Fed & WFN) each submit “Interest Papers”.
 2nd stage – “Tripartite Principles Document” which summarizes the principles that will drive the final stage of negotiations.
 3rd stage – “Sub-Agreement” which includes the final elements to be included in the Treaty by topic.

The recent reports we reviewed were: Sub-Agreement – Sub-Surface Resources; Sub-Agreement – Environment; Tripartite Doc. – Culture, Heritage & Language; Interest Papers – Wildlife; Deferred topics – fish, water, land selection;

“Labour Laws” are expected to be tabled in September under the topic of “Jurisdictional Arrangements”.

OTEU #15 – Faye Saxon

Report to the NOLC – see attached.

CLC Representative – Art Larocque

See attached report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) R/F Summer Institute for union women July 8 – 12, 1998.
- (b) B.C. Fed letter re: Electoral Boundaries Review: M/S/C that Sister Karen Abramsen would attempt to find someone to make a presentation.
- (c) To the Review Committee on behalf of the NOLC on May 19 in Kelowna. Sister Reid looking into finding a presenter for North Okanagan June 29, Vernon.
- (d) R/F a request for donation from the Canadian Red Cross.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

M/S/C that Council send the President or alternate to the Premier’s Summit on Economic Opportunity for the southern interior May 27 – 29, 1998 at University College of the Cariboo in Kamloops.

M/S/C to invite the Labour Liaison from the Working Opportunity Fund to make a 20 minute presentation at the October 7th meeting in Kelowna.

M/S/C to donate \$500.00 to the Central Okanagan United Way 1998 Brochure Campaign.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) M/S/C to remove from the table the issue of per capita tax increase.
- (b) M/S/C to increase the per capita to all affiliates to \$.25 per member per month effective July 1998.
- (c) Moved by the Executive to replace retiring Brother Garnet Sproule as one of NOLC's nominees to the E.I. Board of Referees with Brother Don Main of the Carpenters Local 1346. (Motion defeated).
- (d) M/S/C to have a secret ballot election from all delegates between applicants Sister Karen Abramsen and Brother Don Main. Brother Main was declared elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

M/S/C that the President write a letter to the B.C. & YT Building and Construction Trades Council expressing Labour Council's concern re Pool Communication with Council during their recent campaign re the Amendments to the Labour Code.

FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT:

20 delegates and 4 guests.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Brother Dave Doran will be in charge of providing the food and beverage for the social evening following the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

**BILL DINGMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY**

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1998
AT 7:30 P.M. AT KELOWNA**