



**VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION**

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Minutes

Monday, February 16, 2015

10 AM – 3 PM

RJ Victoria Offices – 1933 Lee Avenue, Victoria

Attending: Pearl Hunt President; Genesis Hunt, Vice-President; Bruce Curtis (Comox), Secretary; Michael Jacobson-Weston (Alert Bay); Jane Waterman (Texada-Powell River); Myles Morrison (Tofino-Ucluelet); Andrea Safavi (Peninsula Crossroads); Gillian Lindquist & Shanna Grant-Warmald (Victoria); Gail Jewsbury (Cowichan Valley); Graham McDonald (Port Alberni)

1. Programme Updates –

Alert Bay – Genesis is the outreach co-ord for Alert Bay in Campbell River, working on Healthy Relationships; Mike is working on continuing the Community Consultation meetings to keep information flowing and both RJ and Crown referrals are continuing

Texada – Jane had Gail Jewsbury over to do a successful three day CJF training

Duncan – Gail has scheduled a training for May/June with Cpl Dave Ryan; file referrals are running 50/50 Adults/Youth, more females than males.

Peninsula Crossroads – currently experiencing a low rate of referrals

Port Alberni – 14 facilitators were trained in the fall and they are working with Vic Services and Probation Services and going to the Elders Council this Spring – all to encourage understanding and referrals

Tofino-Ucluelet – Ucluelet has no youth cases, Tofino is not referring – looking into a crown referrals MOU

Victoria – 100 files/year (police and crown), received Victims Week funding, has taken over jurisdiction in Oak Bay following the closure of that program, the mentor trainers are being funded by the Victoria Foundation, Gillian is going on Mat Leave in July for 1 year.

Comox – case referrals are keeping up to expectations, though more and more shoplifting files are coming in; recently seeing a wider range of files with more complexities to them, including one involving racism.

2. Regional Training Session Planning

There is an allocation of \$22,000 for training activities to enhance the region. Aaron has suggested that there be an allocation of \$4,400 for administration.

Ideas for the project included:

- A 2 day AGM with workshops – we would need dates
- Should we be planning for the 18 members of VIRRJA or for the members and their volunteers?
- It was agreed that to facilitate planning and submission of the proposal to Aaron that the VIRRJA Executive would determine the venue, dates, and organizing
- Should consider a retreat for a small group re: long range visioning to report the AGM and the AGM should include workshops on:
 - self-care;
 - de-briefing of RJ vols after a rescon **Myles** could do this session;
 - a session on evaluation - **Shanna and Gillian** could do this;
 - an introduction session – getting to know you – **Jane** would do this;
 - **Bruce** to ask what the costs would be to have Heartspeak productions come and do a workshop with videos
 - **Bruce** to explore potential names and costs for a “poster-child” speaker
 - **Pearl** will explore possibility and costs for Dave Gustafson

3. Business Meeting

3.1 Minutes of the meeting June 16, 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting held June 16, 2014 were approved as circulated
The Minutes of the AGM in October were circulated for information only – to be approved at next AGM

3.2 Membership Report

Gail Jewsbury reported that there are currently 6 paid up members for the 2015 year. (a number of people pushed their \$10 on the table)

3.3 Treasurer’s Report

Gail reported that there is #3,263.08 in the bank account; \$there was a balance of \$2,604.33 at FYE August 31, 2014. The AGM earned \$940 in revenue.

3.4 Upcoming Meeting Dates

NOTE MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR APRIL

Tuesday, April 7, 2015	VIRRJA Reps Meeting	Nanaimo (John Howard)
Monday, June 15, 2015	VIRRJA Reps Meeting	Nanaimo (John Howard)
TBA	AGM & Regional Training	TBA