



VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

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Minutes
Monday, January 29, 2018
10 AM – 3 PM

MEETING VENUE

John Howard Society Offices – 1585 Bowen Road, Nanaimo

1. Programme Updates- deferred following Educational Sessions
2. Educational Session: Peacemaking Circles Myles Morrison
Myles presented an informative introduction to Peacemaking Circles, based on Kay Pranis' training. Myles is a certified Peacemaking Circle Trainer with Kay Pranis.
3. Programme Updates
Ucluelet – some cases where 1 party withdraws, another case where considerable damage to construction equipment – going to need to do training in Tofino/Ucluelet
Ladysmith – growing rapidly – VIC RJ gave a training last fall and intended to give basis for much wider range of issues. Adding a schools programme, exploring possible work with Cowichan First Nations.
RJ Vic – Gillian is back and new work with Victoria Police Chief who is supportive of RJ
Port Alberni – RCMP community relations office said there are 2, maybe 3 crown referrals, looking for a new co-ordinator
Texada-Powell River – programme needs to be based in PR so training and programme implementation are important. Current focus is on public education (First Nation, schools, community). Barry Stewart is working on developing a pilot project for training.
Provincial Steering Committee – 2 years at work, on brink of formalizing status, meeting with Minister to understand province's needs.
Nanaimo – very busy year to connect with wider community, working hard on youth mentoring programme, established JH Student Club at VIU. Big increase in referrals from Crown (3 child pornography). Working with new RJ committee at Snanaimo First Nation and also trying to introduce RJ Practices in Schools.
4. Next Meeting Date

Due to some complicating factors, it was agreed that the next meeting would be changed from March 12 to March 19 at JHS in Nanaimo.
5. Business Session

5.1 Education Session March 19

- Gail will arrange for Diplock and Munroe to present their National Symposium report.

May 28

- Bruce will invite Claire Whelen-Sedaki – Provincial Co-ordinator, additional option is Aaron Lyons from Langley.

5.2 Minute of June 9, 2017

The Minutes of June 9, 2017 meeting were approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5.3 VIRRJA Executive

Deanna Waite has had to resign from Director-at-Large, Jane Waterman is willing to serve to the next AGM. **Agreed.**

Secretary position – Bruce will continue to serve until AGM and Jane Waterman will be nominated at the AGM.

Term: 2018 – 2020

- President

- Treasurer

Term 2018 - 2019

- Director at Large

- Secretary Jane Waterman, Texada-Powell River

- Vice President

5.4 Membership Report

Jewsbury reported that there are currently 7 members paid up for 2018.

It was proposed that the fees for the AGM be \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members. **Agreed**

5.5 Financial Report

Jewsbury reported that the current balance is \$6,323.09 and there is outstanding AGM expenses of \$690.05

The Financial Report was approved as reported.

CARRIED

5.6 Lobby Update

Cowichan, Comox and Powell River have each met with their local MLAs and Nanaimo JHS met with local MLA Krog.

It was agreed that Curtis again send the letter requesting meetings with Cabinet members that was sent last July. He will send it through the Comox Valley MLA as “hand-delivered” mail.

It was agreed that if meetings are arranged, any two members of the Exec should attend to make the points agreed in the Lobbying document and that were approved at the last AGM. Those are:

- Desire that government make RJ a priority directive to the ministries
- That both ministries and programs need to be financed appropriate to take on the role
- There needs to be a focus on Public Education across the ministries to ensure public understanding of the significance of RJ

5.7 Transition to new Society Act Requirements

Curtis was directed to make the mandatory changes that don't require a general meeting to approve.

6. Adjournment