



## VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES

Monday, March 19, 2018

10 AM – 3 PM

### MEETING VENUE

John Howard Society Offices – 1585 Bowen Road, Nanaimo

1. Educational Session: from Darren Munroe (RJ Co-ordinator, RCMP “E” Division and Jason Diplock (Civilian Member - Criminal Intelligence Research Analyst RCMP "E" Division Crime Prevention Services.

They presented on their recent work on Project Blueprint, outlining why the RCMP have moved from delivering training of RJ facilitators and are now focusing on working with the detachment to enhance RJ file referrals.

The power point, along with the results of the three year study setting this new direction will be available on the VIRRJA Website shortly.

2. Programme Updates- Reps that attended provided brief an overviews of what’s happening in their programmes.

3. Business Session

- 3.1 Education Session for May 28<sup>th</sup> – Claire Whelen-Sedaki – Provincial RJ Co-ordinator has been invited and it is anticipated that she will be able to present on recent initiatives in RJ provincially, possibly including the work of the recently established Ministry Committee on RJ.

- 3.2 Minutes of Meeting Jan 29, 2018

**THAT the minutes of the January 29, 2018 meeting of VIRRJA be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

- 3.3 AGM Planning – venue, content, arrangements, other issues  
IT was decided that the AGM would be held in the Nanaimo/Parksville area of the Island on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> this year. Caryl Wylie (Arrowsmith) has agreed to determine the final location and arrange for the booking and the catering.

Proposed speakers for the conference are to be proposed by e-mail before the May 28<sup>th</sup> VIRRJA meeting and a final decision will be made then on who will be invited to present. Several suggestions arose immediately: Sue O’Sullivan, Ombudsman for Victim Services, for judge Barry Stewart, and either of Attorney General Eby or Solicitor General Farnworth.

- 3.4 VIRRJA Executive  
- some advance thinking on succession planning for the AGM in October (to be finalized at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Term from: 2018 – 2020

President Genesis Hunt  
Treasurer Gail Jewsbury

Term from 2018 - 2019

Vice-President Myles Morrison  
Secretary Jane Waterman  
Director at Large Bruce Curtis

### 3.5 Membership Report

Jewsbury reported that there are currently 8 organizational and 1 individual members who have paid their 2018 dues. Curtis will send a notice to the others to remind them they are past due.

### 3.6 Financial Report - Gail Jewsbury

Jewsbury reported that there is a balance of \$5,813.94 in the bank. There was a discussion of whether that was to pay for the costs of the AGM and it was reported that the fees for the AGM have been set at \$25 per person attending from a member organization and \$40 per person for non-members. The intent is that the AGM pays for itself, but the balance in the account could be used if expenses exceed revenue.

### 3.7 Lobbying Update: Provincial Ministers, Local MLA's

Curtis reported that VIRRJA has a meeting set with Attorney General Eby and that the points that have been approved for inclusion in the VIRRJA Brief and for other lobbying purposes 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

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

### 3.8 Transition to New Societies Act Requirements

Curtis reported that the VIRRJA Transition to the New Society Act has been completed and we have our revised Constitution and By-Laws registered.

### 3.9 Provincial RJ Association

Jewsbury/Morrison reported that the proposed provincial association has received a grant from Victims of Crime and that there will be a Society Registration by mid-July. The new society will be RJABC – Restorative Justice Association of BC.

### 3.10 Adjournment

Forth coming Meetings 10 Am – 2:30 PM:

Monday, May 28, 2018, location John Howard Society Offices – 1585 Bowen Road, Nanaimo

Saturday, October 13, 2018 AGM – location Nanaimo/Parksville area