



VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 13 OCTOBER 2018 Lunch hour.

MEETING VENUE Bradley Centre, 975 Shearme Rd. Coombs BC

I. Welcome and acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

President Myles Morrison welcomed the conference attendees and acknowledged that we are meeting on the unceded traditional territory of Qualicum First Nation.

2. Approval of minutes of 2017 AGM

That the minutes of the 2017 AGM be approved as circulated. CARRIED

3. Reports

a) President's report

Morrison reported on the executives visit to the legislature. He feels we need outreach for new members and would like feedback on what members want from the association and where the association should go

b) Financial Report

Treasurer Jewsbury presented Financials to 31 August 2018. Expenses included lobbying effort and AGM costs. Revenue includes \$3,000 from the provincial association thanks to Jewsbury.

That the financial report for the period ending 31 August 2018 be adopted as presented. CARRIED

c) Membership Report

Jewsbury reported that at 31 August 2018 there were 8 paid organizations and 2 paid individual practitioners.

That the Membership Report be received as presented. CARRIED

Physical invoices and letters will be sent to organizations unpaid for 2018 and/or 2019

VIRRJA is not a charitable organization but members can make a donation over and above their membership fee.

A student rate was discussed.

That VIRRJA institute a student membership rate of \$10 and student conference fee of \$15. CARRIED

Notice will be sent to VIU, SFU, UVIC, Camosun College, Kwantlen College and the program manager, Community Programs, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

d) Lobbying Report

VIRRJA executive waited until the change of government and then spent considerable time preparing a report:” RJ in BC – the Solicitor General’s study of RJ programs and other stakeholders” (copy attached to the agenda) and holding many conversations with government officials, including with the David Eby - Attorney General, Mike Farnworth -Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Carol James – Deputy Leader and Finance Minister, as well as assistants in the Ministry of Health. The latter in particular was very supportive especially regarding elder abuse. The executive are still waiting to meet with the Minister of Education. Bruce Curtis made a presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. Some VIRRJA members also talked or sent letters to their respective MLAs.

e) VIRRJA website Update – decision to continue/discontinue

To date the VIRRJA website has been provided as a complimentary service by a Comox Valley organization that is closing down. To set up our own website would cost \$2-300 for server rental, domain move and set up. Curtis reported that the website has little traffic.

Motion: to discontinue website and circulating information to programs and members by email. CARRIED

There was much discussion about having a web presence and whether to have a Facebook page. This requires administration but is free.

To set up a Facebook page for VIRRJA CARRIED

f) Provincial RJ Organization – where are they now?

The provincial organization has become a society – name RJ Association of BC (RJABC) They want to hear what VIRRJA would like from them. They will provide support for RJ programs in the province.

4. Election of VIRRJA Officers

President	2018-2020	Genesis Hunt, Alert Bay/Campbell River
Vice-President	2018-2019	Myles Morrison, West Coast
Treasurer	2018-2020	Gail Jewsbury, Independent Practitioner
Secretary	2018-2019	Jane Waterman, Powell River and Region
Director at Large	2018-2019	Bruce Curtis, Comox Valley

The slate of nominees be elected to the offices and terms of office designated in the Nominations Report CARRIED

5. Signing Officers

That the current signing officers on the accounts of VIRRJA (Gail Dewsbury, Bruce Curtis) be continued for the next year CARRIED

6. Proposed meeting schedule 2019

The following dates in 2019 for VIRRJA meetings were agreed upon:

Monday 28 January

Monday 11 March

Monday 27 May

Saturday 19 October for the Annual Conference/AGM

7. **Adjournment at 2.03 PM**