Union of Taxation Employees Local 00013 Central Council Minutes

Meeting of April 14th, 2008

In Attendance:

Presiding		Recording	Vona
Jean De Peiza	President	Ryan Ward	Director – TCC
Linda Collins	Vice-President – TSO	Eric Range	Treasurer
Dave Taylor	Vice-President – TCC	Vona Martin	Secretary
Frank DeBlasio	Director – TSO	Veronica Eastman	Director - TSO
Robert Hamilton	Director – TSO	John Woodburne	Director – TSO

Absent:

Sandra Cribar Director – TCC Lloyd Brown Director – TSO

Bev Bryant Director – TCC

COMMENCEMENT

Meeting called to order by Jean De Peiza at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVED MINUTES ERIC/SECONDED BY RYAN WARD

Corrections will be made to minutes. Correct Call Site to say Call Centre.

REPORTS

Jean: Attended the President's conference and stayed an extra day for the Call Centre Meeting. Convention Election - David Quist is running against Betty for President and Sara Redd, President; of a BC local is his campaign manager. Call Centre meeting was very interesting. They were many issues unknown to Jean. The biggest is that P/T members are being to work 7.5 O/T and this is wrong. There will be an Adhoc Committee with one member being from the Call Centre.

The AGM location in confirmed for April 29th, 2008 at 5:30pm at the Eagles Club. A few things will be different this year; such as we will have staff dishing out the food to ensure that people would refrain from piling their plates with food like they did last year. All reports are ready except Jeans, which is she is working on.

The UTE Convention Procedures Course was last weekend, which was sent out to first time convention goers and only one Director showed up for the course. All flight are now booked and everyone is asked to be at the airport by at least 9:00am sharp in order to meet and checked in.

Inter-Regional Meeting is June 20th to 22nd for all Delegates and Alternates and will be held at the Delta Chelsea Hotel on 33 Gerrard Street, Toronto. The Inter-Regional will be a lot of fun especially on Saturday as they are having a mystery night.

Recently we have been made aware of serious violation of Section 241 of the Income Tax Act – some employees have been suspended without pay from the Call Centre for accessing files without authorizing. Members have warned about this over and over but this action still persist.

Some are still having conversation with Dario regarding Union issues, Council members are reminded that Dario is no longer Chief Steward, and discussing union issues with him is a conflict.

Ryan is now at 1 Front Street so he is not able to fulfill his position at the Call Centre. In reply to Jean, Ryan said that he went over all the Bylaws and there is no place that states that he cannot fulfill his duties. He said that he would still love to be on council and would like to seek someone to fill his position. Dave suggested that we seriously look into this, as we need someone at the Call Centre ASAP. Robert made a suggestion that we address both positions; Chief Steward and Director for the Call Center at the AGM but some council members thought that we should deferred it until after the AGM which is in two weeks. Linda put forth the question: Do we need a Chief Steward – the council voted unanimously that we do. Frank was asked if he would be interested in the position of Chief Steward, but said that he needed time to think about it as he wanted to make sure that it wouldn't be a one man show and he would need the support of all council members before he would even consider the position. Linda asked if we could put this aside until after the AGM in order to give Frank as chance to discuss what is entailed and the depth of the position.

Robert made a motion for the President and the two VP's to take the matter of the Chief Steward position and any Director changes under advisement and to have discussions with the National President during her visit for the AGM "Second by Eric, Carried"

Jean said, that a resolution was put forward to the upcoming Tri-Annual Convention have long-term and retirement employees receive certificate, plaque or pin at time of retirement.

Dave: wanted to follow to add on to what Jean was saying about the happenings at the Call Centre regarding the 7.5 hours of O/T. Management wants to keep it at 30 hours and employees will only get pay if they work. Right now there are two grievances into Linda Cassidy. Dave wanted to know from Jean what came out of the Ottawa meetings? Jean said that is why they formed the Adhoc Committee. They were broken up into four groups, each had a different topic, the Committee to report on their findings. Robert said that is sounds like term employees are being taken advantage of.

Round Table

Robert: noticed that the website hasn't been update yet. Ryan stated that he has all the stuff to upload and would do it tonight; he said that he was waiting for input from any council members if any, otherwise he will go ahead and updated it this evening.

Ryan would like a Bio from members within the next month or so to put on the UTE website.

Eric: said that everything is done and ready to go for the AGM

Robert: wanted to know if we had lead way in the budget for a Microphone on surplus.

Frank: Survey – Audit knows who UTE is now!

Jean: wants no embarrassments and everything in place.

Dave: need bodies at the AGM, also wants names by April 16th, 2008.

Ryan: Please read the PSAC convention sheet that he handed out.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT Council adjourn forthwith at 6:50pm

The next meeting shall take place on Monday May 5th, 2008.