

Union of Taxation Employees Local 00013
Central Council Minutes
Wednesday, November 02, 2011 @ 5:30 pm

In Attendance:

	<i>Presiding</i>		<i>Clerk</i>
Linda Collins	President	Ryan Ward	Secretary
Robert Hamilton	Vice-President – TSO	Matt Downer	Vice-President – TCC
Eric Range	Treasurer	Lloyd Brown	Director – TSO
Veronica Eastman	Director – TSO	Vona Martin	Director – TSO
Manni Mifsud	Director – TSO	Sandra Cribar	Director – TCC
Dave Taylor	Director – TCC		

Absent

Patricia Payton Director – TSO

1. Call to Order

Linda Collins called the meeting to order @ 5:35 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda be approved.

Moved: Robert Hamilton / Seconded: Veronica Eastman / Carried

3. Approval of Past Minutes

THAT the September 7, 2011 minutes be approved.

Moved: Robert Hamilton / Seconded: Vona Martin / Carried

THAT the October 5, 2011 minutes be approved.

Moved: Robert Hamilton / Seconded: Manni Mifsud / Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Union Signs

Linda Collins reported that: UTE said they are out of union signs and will let the Local know when they are available.

Regional Employment Equity Forum

Veronica Eastman reported that: She attended the Employment Equity Forum and was asked to provide a report from this forum.

Some interesting information that came up included:

74% of immigrants that come into Ontario are racially visible.

Right now the committee is called the Visible Minority Committee and it would be good to change the name accordingly.

This is being put forward to our own committee.

Valuable information was shared but the entire forum was rushed.

Ontario Regional Office had this take place from 10 am – 3 pm and it could have been better if it was for a longer day.

The presenters only had 2 minutes to present what they were presenting.

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PSAC Local Officers Advanced Training

Lloyd Brown reported that: The PSAC LOAT course took place in Barrie from Thursday until Sunday last week. It included the roles of Local Officers, Union-Management sessions, and areas that stewards and executive can be involved in. The PSAC is hoping to provide time for some lunch and learn sessions that our executive and members could benefit from, we just need to contact our local staff rep.

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4. President's Report

Linda Collins submitted the report in writing and presented it at the meeting.

In addition to the written report, Linda Collins added:

Frank DeBlasio is going to be the liaison with the Regional Office on all issues to do with Health and Safety. He will be attending all of their meetings. Patricia Buffman will continue to be Management Co-Chair and Gay Carter-Scott will remain as Union Co-Chair. There has not been any interest in being a steward on behalf of the Local.

5. Vice-President's Reports

Vice-President – TSO Report

Robert Hamilton submitted the report in writing and presented it at the meeting.

Vice-President – TCC Report

Many of the informal processes expiring, there will be many new informal and some formal processes that will be taking place. This will mean individual feedback on these processes. The issue of administrative error by Management, this went to the Director of Call Centres and has been going on since 2004. This was an issue that fell through the cracks and didn't know who it was handling it.

In relation to getting more stewards, there is more interest in getting more stewards and it is requested to have a stewards kit. There are no grievances at the moment but could potentially have some in the future.

6. Treasurer's Report

Eric Range reported that:

This year we are going to be in a small deficit this year due to all of the conventions this year. Acknowledgement was sent from Shannen's Dream and received by the Local. The card has been given to Diana Gee's mother.

7. Election of Director – TCC

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Sheila Reuben – Elected as Director – TCC

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

Moved: Ryan Ward / Seconded: Lloyd Brown / Carried

8. Roundtable

Sandra Cribar: Asked if any volunteers have been asked and can attend.

Matt Downer: Asked about training in the near future for UTE Regionally. Robin Johnson is hoping to have Linda Cassidy conduct the grievance training in Toronto sometime this winter. Currently Shane O'Brien is only eligible to do grievance training and he is not able to do it at this time.

Robin Johnson: Haven't met with the Local in a while and is taking turns to visit each Local every month within the region.

Robert Hamilton: Comment how positive the contributions of all directors have been and the positive approach we have taken to getting the business of the Local done.

Veronica Eastman: Accounts Receivable Platform is now rolled out and there are problems with the platform itself. Many of the bugs have been taken out of it but there are issues with the design of the platform that needs to be changed.

Had breakfast with Tony Clement. He said he is working with the public sector on budget issues. Brad Feraday was there as well and those who attended were supposed to be allowed to ask questions but were stopped. Tony Clement did come by to answer a question of Brad's after the breakfast.

Esther Burt's retirement party is on December 9. All of the Locals should put money together to buy a gift together.

Vona Martin submitted Joey's Restaurant to be the location of our Christmas Party on December 7. Reservations will be booked for 6 pm.

9. Adjournment

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Matt Downer / Seconded: Dave Taylor / Carried