

Union of Taxation Employees Local 00013
Special Central Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 @ 5:30 pm

In Attendance

	<i>Presiding</i>		<i>Clerk</i>
Linda Collins	President	Ryan Ward	Secretary
Ben Miller	Vice-President – TCC	Eric Range	Treasurer
Paula Bartley	Director – TSO	Lloyd Brown	Director – TSO
Vona Martin	A/Director – TSO	Mani Mifsud	Director – TSO
Dian Wright	Director – TSO	Daria Askerko	Director – TCC
Iain MacFarlane	Director – TCC		

Absent

Jim Weir Director – TCC

Call to Order

Linda called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda be approved.

Moved: Ryan Ward | Seconded: Dian Wright | Carried

Special Business / Elections

We were supposed to do the elections for the VP tonight but due to something beyond everyone's control it will need to wait until tomorrow. Once it is resolved the executive will be informed what has transpired.

Approval of Past Minutes

THAT the minutes for June 10, 2015 be approved.

Moved: Ben Miller | Seconded: Iain MacFarlane | Carried

President's Report

Linda Collins reported that:

President's Conference and National Health and Safety are also coming up. There is a therapy dog that will be coming in tomorrow afternoon. The summer has been busy – Linda had to go to Ajax for an accommodation. With Brookfield having taken over as Property Managers, there are several changes they are making including a new Health and Safety Officer that they have hired. The Property Manager Nora is meeting with the H&S co-chairs tomorrow. If anyone is sick on premises Brookfield wants to first be called and they will decide if an ambulance will be called.

On the reports that are filed (T4009) the reports are being asked for by Brookfield. This new guy has been hired by Brookfield and he is the Director of Health and Safety for them. It is affecting the whole way we have been doing for health and safety for years.

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The freight elevator is being taken out of service and will be updated like all of the elevators are being updated as well. When the freight elevator is taken down there will be a designated elevator that will be taken as service elevator.

The disabled door next to Druxy's will remain closed to all personnel except anyone who has been authorized to come through these doors.

Through the Canadian Mental Health Commission, they are doing psychological standards to do with mental health in the workplace. The standards are being reviewed by the national health and safety committee. Once these are implemented they will be mandatory for all of CRA. Mental Health workshops will be starting again. This will be the main focus over the next 12 months.

Next week Linda is in Monday and Tuesday but then will be back on the 29th.

Vice-President – TCC Report

Ben Miller reported that:

There has been an extension of term staff because employees. Originally they were offering employees two weeks but it has been extended to four week for now. Management has been trying to extend this until the end of the fiscal period. If someone calls in on the GSTC line but has been trained for CCTB as well, if there is a question for CCTB as well, the agent is now to tell the caller that this time you reached a CCTB and GSTC agent but in the future the caller should call the other line if they wish to have the CCTB question answered.

The Call Centre is asking other divisions who are taking Call Centre staff on-loan to take the employee permanently rather than have that person on-loan for several years with the possibility of going back.

The Call Centre will now be doing staff briefings with the union and management as a result of UMA's cancelled by the union. There wasn't any major drama from the NETS and it has been good overall.

The next event for recognition is on September 28. Programs are being put back in place because there were issues with this. There isn't a morale officer but these programs are now being re-implemented.

There is a public service webcast that will be coming out and the webcast will be in Toronto Centre offering an opportunity for anyone who wishes to tune in to view it.

Treasurer's Report

Eric Range reported that:

He is retiring on January 20, 2016. Nothing else to report.

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Meeting Dates

Ben Miller reported that:

We have had a discussion about meeting dates and it has been agreed that we will stay on Wednesday's.

2016 Elections

Ryan Ward, Linda Collins and Ben Miller reported that:

As a result of the current executive situation and the amount of changes we have made over the past year plus with the contract situation, a change could take place with the Regulations of our Local. We have had some great new stewards that have recently come into the executive and we should consider the possibility of making any changes to the dates of the election for potentially a full year until 2017.

The executive is going to have several members retiring within the next year and it has to be determined what the remaining members are going to be willing to take on in the future. As Linda Collins is retiring within a year, she will take the time to mentor those who have been taking on much greater roles.

THAT the regulations will be changed to keep the current executive will stay on until April 30, 2017 and the elections will be postponed until spring 2017 with all other applicable regulations be amended accordingly.

Moved: Ben Miller | Seconded: Ryan Ward | Carried

Children's Christmas Party

Ryan Ward, Dian Wright and Mani Mifsud reported that:

December 5 has been booked by someone else at the Steelworker's Hall (15 Cecil St) but the new date is Saturday, December 12. Dian Wright, Mani Mifsud and Ryan Ward will

Executive Holiday Dinner

Linda Collins reported that:

In the past we have had a holiday dinner for our executive and stewards and the Local does have the funds to do a dinner this year in November or December. Daria Askerko and Vona Martin will look for potential places to have our holiday dinner.

Health and Safety Conference

Linda Collins reported that:

Linda Collins and Iain MacFarlane are attending the UTE National Health and Safety Conference. If anyone is interested in attending the conference should send Linda Collins and email.

TV in Druxy's request

Linda Collins reported that:

The two TV's in Druxy's, Brookfield will no longer pay the cable to operate the TV's. As a health and safety committee, we decided that we would look at getting an antenna (2 TV's)

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and we would absorb the cost of the antenna. One of the PIPSC reps is bringing in an antenna he has at home to test it and the PIPSC Local has voted on giving \$100 toward the purchase of the antenna.

THAT UTE Local 00013 donate up to \$100 toward an antenna for Druxy's.

Moved: Iain MacFarlane | Seconded: Ben Miller | Carried

Diana Gee Foundation

Linda Collins reported that:

A new Aboriginal School has been built and it will go to Grade 12. The old computer that we had at the union office has been retrofitted and was given to the Aboriginal School. As this is the last year of the Diana Gee scholarship, the money will have to be dispersed and it will be going toward the library of the First Nations School.

Wristbands

Iain MacFarlane reported that:

There was an email by Marc Briere, UTE 1st National VP, that all of the UTE Locals are expected to receive wristbands that remind members that they need to come out and vote. We have to be very careful that these only go out to UTE members because if we only give it out to our members it would not count as an election expense. If anyone who isn't our member and receives one, this will have to be accounted for by UTE as an election expense.

According to an email that was sent out by UTE National, these are supposed to be distributed before President's Conference. We are encouraging everyone to vote because the Conservatives won the last election as not enough people came out to vote and the vote was very low.

Union BBQ

Ryan Ward reported that:

We were looking to have a BBQ on September 12 and had some things planned out with Dian Wright in order to do it. There were some delays trying to finalize the plans so it was decided that we would be better off waiting until next summer to have the BBQ. It was discussed that we should look at having it during National Public Service Week and invite as many members as we can. Mike Chinard suggested his condo as he has a rooftop patio that we can use for our BBQ.

To work on this, a BBQ committee is being set up. The BBQ committee is made up of: Dian Wright, Mani Mifsud, Ryan Ward, Mike Chinard.

Roundtable

No one had roundtable

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 7:05 pm.