



VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES

Monday, June 20, 2016
10 AM – 3 PM

John Howard Society Offices – 1585 Bowen Road, Nanaimo

Regrets: Texada, Qualicum

1. Programme Updates-

Ladysmith – two new volunteers, Richard is the new co-ordinator for the programme.

Nanaimo – RJ training being provided to Crown Counsel, lawyers, and judges during RJ week, MOU with the Emergency Ward for nurse abuse files.

Alert Bay – Mike and Pearl have been on leave the past three months, Michael is not going to be coming back as the Co-ordinator, Genesis is taking over that role. Presentations to North Island Secondary School in Port Hardy SJ 12 class.

Ahousat – prepping a “Healthy Relations” training, investigating setting up an Aboriginal Court, Myles is going up to do a CFJ training

Victoria – setting up a program with a youth centre, starting to receive referrals from Probation.

Tofino/Ucluelet – range of usual referral sources (private, probation (Vic Offender Reconciliation Project)

Comox Valley – case referrals are holding up, working on a Mental Health and RJ training for late Winter, Anti-racism Protocol is being renewed with a Witnessing Ceremony in late September (PM has been invited), Campagnolo Lecture April 28, 2017 features Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul.

Cowichan – referrals down overall, but recent flood of 2 mischief and 3 shoplifting; successful Victims of Crime Week, initial exploration of possibility of working with Cowichan First Nations programme

Penninsular Crossroads – outreach to police has had positive outcomes with a police RJ liaison being appointed. Cases have declined compared to 2015. Also doing a Girls Programme in the schools.

2. Educational Session:

Follow-Up Report to Larry Winter’s RJ, Mental Disorders and the Criminal Justice System presented to VIRRJA AGM, October, 2014

3. Business Session

3.1 Call to Order

3.2 Minutes of Meeting April 18, 2016

That the Minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.3 Membership Report - Gail Jewsbury

Jewsbury reported that as of June, 2016, there are 15 organizations and 1 individual paid members.

3.4 Financial Report - Gail Jewsbury

Jewsbury presented the Financial Statements for 1 September, 2015 to June, 2016, reporting a surplus of \$5,368.28.

That the Financial Statements to June, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.5 Proposed Constitutional Amendment on Board Elections

That the Proposed Constitutional Amendments be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As a matter of implementation at the AGM in October, it was agreed that the President and Secretary be elected to their two year terms in even numbered years and the Vice-President, Treasurer and Director-at-Large be elected in the odd numbered years. So, at the 2016 AGM, the President and Secretary will be for terms running 2016 – 2018; the other three offices will be for 2016 – 2017 (and then elected for two year terms).

3.6 Nominations Slate for AGM

It was agreed that the following nominations be made for the 2016 AGM:

President	2016-2018 Pearl Hunt (Alert Bay)
Vice-President	2016-2017 Jessica Rourke (Victoria)
Treasurer	2016-2017 Gail Jewsbury (Cowichan)
Secretary	2016-2018 Brian Tycke (Nanaimo & Comox Valley)
Director-at-Large	2016-2017 Deanna Wrate (Ladysmith)

3.7 Update on AGM & Plans for Speakers/Theme for Fall Conference

The following were agreed as the plans for the AGM, to be held at the Florence Filberg Centre, Lower Level, in Courtenay, from 10 AM – 3 PM on Saturday, October 22, 2016:

The fee was approved at \$25 per person (which includes the lunch)

Guest Speakers to be invited:	Inviter:
Catherine Barga on Government (federal and provincial) views of RJ	Curtis
Gail Jewsbury on Provincial Steering Committee for an RJ Association	Jewsbury
Darren Munroe on Status of RCMP CJF Program	Curtis
Jessica Rourke on Mentorships	Rourke
Hunt, Hunt, and Jacobson-Weston on Healthy Relations	Hunt
Evelyn Zellerer on Various RJ Approaches	Curtis/Jewsbury

4. Adjournment

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Saturday, October 22, 2016
Comox – Courtenay

VIRRJA Annual General Meeting & Conference
Florence Filberg Lower Level