



VIRRJA

Vancouver Island Region Restorative Justice Association

*Advancing restorative justice on Vancouver Island, the
Sunshine Coast and all Gulf Islands*

VIRRJA General Meeting ~ Feb 6, 2024 ~ Zoom

Present:

Eric Stenberg	qathet
Jan Smalley	Sunshine Coast
Laura Dafoe	Salt Spring
Jessica Terezakis	Salt Spring
Alex Glassey	Pt Alberni
David Nickoli	Southern Gulf Islands
Myles Morrison	West Coast
Molly Willie	Alert Bay
Sue Saunders	Saanich Peninsula
Carmen Barclay	Ladysmith
Deanna Wrate	Community Circles
Richard Tarnoff	Community Circles
Arlaine Fehr	Gold River
Kluane B-Rivet	Nanaimo

Regrets:

Siobhan Brown	qathet
Nicky Hadwell	RJVic

Minutes:

1. Meeting called to order at 11:06 AM by Richard Tarnoff (President)
2. Agenda reviewed and approved
3. Financial Report provided by treasurer Siobhan Brown. Presented by Sue
 - a) Balance as to Jan 31, 2024 is \$7940.68
 - b) Income \$150 from membership fees
 - c) General Account is \$4,315, Grant account is \$0 and the Special donation is \$3500.
 - d) Grant application of \$30,000 awaiting decision
 - e) [LINK HERE](#) to Financial Report Jan 2024.Financial Report approved
4. Membership:
 - a) Sue is collecting the forms and Siobhan deposits fees and sends e-receipt

- b) Reminders will be sent to 14 programs yet to renew. Deadline Feb 28, 2024
 - c) Fees paid by e-transfer and cheque
5. Communication Committee
- a) Casual Collective sessions have been supported positively through the survey sent to members in January. Preference for Tuesday, morning, 1 hour and held monthly. VIRRJA will arrange these sessions for the spring and reassess whether to continue after that timeline. Sue asked for volunteers to assist in topics and arrangements.
 - b) Support to keep the website and social media up to date was asked . Interested members can contact Sue
6. Education Committee
- a) Committee members are needed and welcome to support speaker and training at General meetings and conference events. Please contact Richard if you are interested.

Presentation - Molly Willie introduced her presentation “Truth Trust Relationships”

- a) Due to the personal nature of this presentation, recording will not take place.
- b) Molly will offer the full session at the one day training May 11, 2024.
- c) Molly provided her background of 30 years supporting indigenous people in Alert Bay and the lower mainland, which helped to shape the content of her presentation
- d) The importance of the connection between truth, trust to develop meaningful relationships was introduced. Understand why we are the way we are.
- e) The full session will be very interactive, focused, resources provided
- f) Books: White Fragility, Caste, 21 Things about First Nations. Rez Rules, Namwayut, True Reconciliation

VIRRJA DATES: (www.virrja.ca/events)

Feb 28, 2024	Deadline for Membership Renewal
Mar 5, 2024	VIRRJA Board Meeting
Mar 12, 2024	First Casual Collective, 10 -11AM via Zoom
April 2, 2024	VIRRJA General Meeting, 11AM via ZOOM
April 30, 2024	VIRRJA Board Meeting
May 7, 2024	Second Casual Collective 1:00-2:00 PM
May 11, 2024	One Day Conference and Training, location TBA
June 4, 2024	VIRRJA Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Minutes: Sue Saunders, Secretary VIRRJA ~ Feb 9, 2024

