



VIRRJA

Vancouver Island Region Restorative Justice Association

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 ~ MINUTES

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ~ VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

Attendees:

Alberni Valley Restorative Justice
Restorative Justice Campbell River
West Coast Restorative Justice
Warmland Restorative Justice
Ladysmith LRCA
Community Circles Restorative Justice Society
Saanich Peninsula Restorative Justice
Restorative Justice Victoria
Indigenous Justice Program
Restorative Justice Program of the Sunshine Coast

qathet Community Justice
Southern Gulf Island Community Justice program

Salt Spring Island Restorative Justice
Independent Practitioner
Technology support

Regrets:

JH Society, Restorative Justice Program (Nanaimo)
Arrowsmith Community Justice Program
Cowichan Tribes

Lorraine Lee
Kristine Atkinson
Myles Morrison
Brandy Gallagher
Carmen Hildebrand
Richard Tarnoff, Deanna Wrate
Sue Saunders, Liz Cox
Gillian Lindquist
Molly Willie
Donna Schmirler, Jan Smalley,
Jan Slakov
Siobhan Brown, Jane Waterman
Jim Peacock, Pat Yuzwenko,
David Nickoli
Darlene Gage, Phillipa Tattersol
Gail Jewsbury
Kya Dalton

Beth Stupple
Caryl Wylie
Larry George

1. Richard Tarnoff, President opened the meeting at 10:03 AM.
2. Welcome by Elder Andrew Speck (Alert Bay) invited by Molly Willie.
Andrew is an accomplished and respected artist, a grandfather, father, brother, uncle. He's a part of our potlatch and culture and he is a pastor for the House of Prayer in Alert Bay. Andrew also is a proud community member and leader of the Whe-La-La-U in Alert Bay. .
3. Approval of Agenda was moved by Deanna Wrate and seconded by Jane Waterman. Carried

4. Introduction of Guest speakers, **Andrea Menard** and **Helen Flamand** by Loraine Lee member of the Education Committee.

Presentation: **“Indigenizing and Decolonizing Restorative Justice”**

Here is the link of the recording of the session.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/_ZuDLAUKtcZ9elu-OmVVMr3vcrXv-sH_idK5lsvtiAJq6JvWLOR1bKlZTqZI8nMO.MBZheUtKNP57ew3L

Passcode: !k&9i9eW (This link is available for a limited time)

5. AGM Business Portion

a). **President’s Annual Report** was presented by Richard Tarnoff. Copy is included in the minutes. Moved to accept the report: Myles Morrison, Second: Deanna Wrate. Carried.

b). **Financial Report** was presented by Gail Jewsbury, Treasurer. Copy is included in the minutes. Moved to accept: Gail Jewsbury. Second: Jane Waterman. Carried.

c) Approval of **Committee Reports** were circulated to member prior to the AGM: Communication, Nomination, Education and Advocacy were summarized in the President’s Report. Moved to accept: Deanna Wrate. Second: Siobhan Brown. Carried

d) **Election of 2022-23 Board of Directors:** The Nomination Committee presented the slate of Nominees for the 5 available places on the Board for 2022-23.

President 2 years
V-President 1 year
Treasurer 2 years
M at Large 2 years
M at Large 1 year
Secretary 1 year remaining
Member at Large 1 year remaining

The slate presented for the AGM:

Richard Tarnoff	Community Circles Restorative Justice Society (Ladysmith)
Siobhan Brown	qathet Community Justice (Powell River)
Loraine Lee	Port Alberni Restorative Justice
Molly Willie	Indigenous Justice Program (Alert Bay)
Nicky Hadwell	Restorative Justice Victoria

Moved to accept : Sue Saunders Second: Deanna Wrate Carried.

11:30 AM **Updates from Members**

Deanna (CCRJS)asked the group for feedback on how to generate RCMP referrals when you are a new program?

Loraine (Alberni) updates include efforts to develop more Youth focus and engaging the youth. They are also beginning a 5 session Strategic Planning process.

Jan Slakov (Powell River) Jan poses the question to the group” What can we do about decolonizing?”

Molly (Alert Bay) updates their program is responding to youth classes and realizes, like speaker Helen has said, it needs a “wrap around” approach.

David (S Gulf Islands) tells us they are in the rotational year for the RCMP so lots of networking to do. Using “Peace of the Circle“ Training has been very helpful in many ways and in generating community conversations, using Zoom at times and has initiated requests from the community, victim services. For RJ week they are creating posters to be put up in the community each with a RJ story and theme. (A request was sent to members to submit a story about youth and RJ to be used in this campaign)

Jan Smalley (Sunshine Coast) says they are working on funding projects, making connections involving Truth and Reconciliation related situations and are focused on RJ youth in Schools.

Thanks were expressed for the topic and speakers provided by the Education Committee. The poll results showed a very favourable response to the speakers and topic. Kya was thanked for her assistance in tech support.

The chat was saved and is available by request to Secretary Sue (secretary@virrja.ca)

12:06 pm Richard adjourned the meeting

12:06 PM The new board remained for a brief administrative meeting.

Minutes submitted:

Sue Saunders, VIRRJA Secretary
Oct 20, 2022