

BC BRANCH CIPHI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 6, 2007
Minutes

Present: Sonia Hundal, Jen Flaten, Lis Vallaster, Jasmina Egeler, Tim Roark, Roopy Khatkar, Kuljeet Chatta, Nigel Headley, Tara Hluchy, Keir Cordner

Regrets: Shawn Parhar, Salima Kassam, Brent Zaharia, Gord Stewart, Steve Chong, Jeff Kresowaty

A. Approval of minutes

- *Motion to approve minutes moved by Kuljeet Chattha. Seconded by Jen Flaten. Motion carried*

B. Old Business

1. EPHW

- Thanks to everyone involved, got great media attention
- Kuljeet with update: VCH Communications Officer was contacted who got Vancouver Sun article set up .Booth set up in Lansdowne Mall for 3 days with 3 hours shifts every day. All the emergency kits raffled off.
- Lis with update: booth set up in City Square on a Friday
- Emergency preparedness kits raffled off.

ACTION: Next year try to get booth in Richmond Centre and get an article in VCH Current

2. Sewerage Systems Leadership Council Committee-
deferred

3. 2007 CIPHI AEC

- Getting a lot of support from different Health Authorities, key notes are set up, everything going well with organization of conference.
- Pam Rydings requested binder from the Sun Peaks conference so that she has a template to work from to set up binder for this year's conference

C. Committees

1. Membership committee

- 133 members as of February 6. Everyone who is registered by the end of February will have their name entered in draw to win an Emergency Kit.
Motion to obtain and do a draw for a 2 person back pack emergency kit (not to exceed \$200) for all registered members by February 28. moved by Lis Vallaster. Seconded by Kuljeet Chattha, Motion carried

2. Social Committee

- Joanne Lum has stepped down. We need a chair for the committee.

D. New Business

1. Bow Valley College-Environmental Health Technician

- This is going ahead and we have an advisory committee formed. Lorraine Woolsey and Andy Basi from BCIT are both on advisory committee as well as Jasmina Egeler and Robert Bradbury.
- Intent of the Technician is to assist PHI's in their jobs,
- Issue brought up about our jobs as PHI's being threatened. We should get feedback about this issue from our members.

ACTION: Keir Cordner is willing to get feedback from members. Lis Vallaster to assist

3. Public Health Agency of Canada

- Our profession was well represented at this meeting. Core competencies discussed.

4. NEC Meetings

- Jamina Egeler is going to Ottawa to attend National Executive meetings.
- Concerns around Bow Valley College will be brought up. Lis Vallaster would like the issue around money for advertising our profession to be brought up at the meetings.
- Enumeration meeting taking place on Thursday.

5. Northern Health Branch Social

- Jeff in the North is energetic to organize these events up there which is great!
- The social event is scheduled in February and will occur at the same time as their regional staff meeting.

6. BCIT Advisory Committee

- Jasmina Egeler attends these meetings twice a year.

ACTION: Jen F. is volunteering to attend these meetings after Jasmina's term is up.

7. Branch website

- We have to make our website more interesting to promote our profession. Try to get some volunteers from our membership to work on designing the website.
- Lis Vallaster brought up idea of adding a blog on the website.
- Shawn can be the leader on this task.

8. Branch Executive Vacancy

- Joanne Lum has stepped off the Branch CIPHI Executive. We need a chair for our Social committee. We need people from other Health Authorities across the province on the BC Branch Executive.

ACTION: Send a letter to the regional Health Protection Directors to request their support in allowing staff to participate on Branch Executive.

Motion to adjourn by Tara Hluchy.