

Regina Public Interest Research Group
Board Minutes
Jan 24, 5:45pm – **Women’s Centre**

1.0 OPENING ROUND

- 1.1 Check-ins and announcements
- 1.2 In attendance: **Harvey, Lexie, Jonny, Catherine, Jamie, Claire, Julian, Krystal**
- 1.3 Regrets:
- 1.4 Absent:

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 2.1 Meeting length – 1.25 hours
- 2.2 Approve minutes of last meeting, changes to agenda, agenda, choice of facilitator and minute taker - **approved**

3.0 CONTENT

- 3.1 Staff and committee updates
 - 3.1.1 Staff updates - **submitted**

- 3.2 Proposals or motions
 - 3.2.1 That RPIRG choose a commitment level for CRU Summer Institute (see attached) – **Krystal to write letter of support for SSHRC grant, RPIRG to provide funding for summer student, to a max. of \$2500**
 - 3.2.2 That RPIRG endorse the Blue Dot Movement declaration – Right to a Healthy Environment (see Appendix) - **approved**

- 3.3 Discussion items
 - 3.3.1 Strategic planning – **Krystal to reach out to a couple of planning organizations to ask about holding a strategic planning session sometime between late April to early July. Discussed developing communications plans after this is done. Also discussed having the strategic planning session happen as part of the new board orientation in late April/early May.**
 - 3.3.2 Election timelines + volunteer needs – **may need volunteers to help w/ tabling**
 - 3.3.3 February social – proposal to UR POLIS
 - 3.3.4 Policy meeting – **no time chosen yet**
 - 3.3.5 Congress plans – **update on draft schedule**

4.0 CLOSING ROUND

- 4.1 Next meeting – Feb 6 (time TBD)

5.0 APPENDIX

- 5.1 CRU Summer Institute partnership proposal (attached)
- 5.2 Blue Dot Movement Declaration of Right to a Healthy Environment
- 5.3 Congress schedule first draft

APPENDIX

5.2 Blue Dot Movement Declaration of Right to a Healthy Environment

TO: Dear Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Catherine McKenna, Honourable Minister of Environment and Climate Change; Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Honourable Minister of Health:

CC: to your local MP

Subject: [your organization name] supports the right to a healthy environment

We at [your organization name] support healthy communities, a healthy economy and a healthy environment. We therefore fully support strengthening the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, including recognizing the right to a healthy environment. A review of the act presents the federal government with a golden opportunity to improve the health and well-being of all people in Canada.

Federal recognition of the right to a healthy environment, either by an amended CEPA or a stand-alone bill, would be a groundbreaking step towards recognizing environmental rights as human rights. More than 110 countries already recognize these rights in law, but Canada does not. It's time we caught up. This is why we support the David Suzuki Foundation's Blue Dot movement and encourage you to take clear, strong action on CEPA.

Please act swiftly to ensure greater protection for human health and the environment from pollution and toxic exposures by introducing a bill to strengthen CEPA. Seize this opportunity to create a healthier, stronger Canada.

5.3 Congress schedule first draft

Sunday, May 27 Brunch, meet and greet with local activists/organizations (pancake breakfast)

Monday, May 28 Colonialism No More - Decolonization walk

Tuesday, May 29 Pride mixer in evening @ The Artesian (before party hosted by the WGST association)

Wednesday, May 30 Showcase of presentations from call for proposals

Thursday, May 31 Pop-up/teach-in: Accomplices in the academy

Friday, June 1 Pop-up/teach-in, bird walk at lunch

Monday-Thursday drop-in info lunches

Regina Public Interest Research Group
Board Meeting Agenda
Jan 9, 6pm – Women’s Centre

Opening Round

1. Check in, transition into meeting
In attendance: **Krystal, Julian, Harvey, Lexie, Jonny, Jamie, Claire, Titus (non-board member)**
Regrets: **Catherine, Ritva**
Absent:
2. Requests for changing/adding agenda items

Administrative Matters

1. Meeting length – 2 hours
2. Approve minutes of last meeting, Acceptance of the agenda, acceptance of any additions, facilitator (**Krystal**) and minute taker (**Julian**) - **APPROVED**
3. Announcements

Matters of Content

1. Staff and committee updates
2. Proposals or motions – **N/A**
3. Discussion items or notifications
 - 3.1 Apathy into Action – update and volunteer needs
ACTION: Everyone come to the social and bring a guest, Volunteer availability identified in Krystal’s notes
 - 3.2 Plan board meetings for semester
NEXT MEETINGS – start time 6pm unless otherwise noted - Jan 24th, Feb 6th, Feb 28th, March 13th, March 28th, April 10th, April 25th
 - 3.3 Board professional development
 - 3.3.1 Positive Space Network training - **ACTION: Those interested in going sign up with UR Pride**
 - 3.3.2 Strategic Planning/Communications Plan - **ACTION: Agreement this is needed, look into dates in late February. KL connect w/ Jacq**
 - 3.3.3 Beautiful Trouble training Feb 3-4 - **ACTION: Confirm availability this week, and fill out registration form and let Krystal know**
 - 3.3.4 Other suggestions – **N/A**
 - 3.4 Generating Momentum Coordinator – hiring timeline - **position start date Feb 12**
 - 3.5 Board election 2018
There will be minimum 4 positions open
ACTION: Exiting Board Members shoulder tap possible replacements to run
 - 3.6 Application assessment committee – meeting times
ACTION: Committee: Harvey, Jamie, Lexie, Ritva will meet Feb 5th 5:30
 - 3.7 Policy Committee
ACTION: committee to set meeting (Jamie, Ritva, Lexie, Titus)
 - 3.8 Other upcoming events
SWG – Billy Ray-Belcourt and Gwen Benaway Talks March 29
Angela Davis – March 8
Robyn Maynard – speaking at congress
Congress May 26-June 1 - planning a series of events

Closing Round

1. Next Meeting - January 24th @ 6pm - with Indian Food