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MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 26, 2010
SHERATON HOTEL
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Members Present:

Bill Gaucher	Trevor Alway	Russ Lucking	Jim Connelly
Len Poirier	Nick Decarlo	Bryant LeRoux	Bob Chernecki
Martial Morissette	Brian Stevens	Gerry Stuce	Laura Burns
Bill Hicks	Mike Green	Steve Sutherland	Kris Lourenco
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Michel LePage	Stephen O’Brien	Linda MacNeil	Semac Beals
Karl Rissen	Brian T. Sullivan	Lyndel Lindsay	Barry Marsh

Commencement: 2:00 pm

Bill Gaucher gave an overview of the document entitled “CAW Joint RTC Marine, Rail, Air and Vehicle Council”. A new statement paper is needed. We reviewed the Questionnaires that were circulated out of the last RTC Meeting. Members were asked to send these into Nick Decarlo or Bill Gaucher soon.

Bob Chernecki was introduced. Brother Chernecki stated that the Transport Statement is old and outdated. We are looking at a transport conference next fall in 2011. All Transport Sectors will be represented at this conference. We need to set up a planning committee for this as well. It will be in Port Elgin in the 2nd week of September. Accuracy is critical in the completion of the questionnaires. Nick Decarlo was thanked for taking on the responsibility of updating the Transport Statement,

Nick Decarlo gave an overview/background of how the RTC arrived here in these meetings. The Transport Statement is from 1992. Even though it is outdated the philosophy of the paper is still very sound and relevant today. Brother Decarlo provided a draft of the document and presented it to the members. Council of the Federation report from 2005 was presented. It is summarized as follows:

- Focused on export with little thought of internal markets
- Doesn’t address transport as a social right
- Does not focus on Canada wide integration of transport; it addresses transport from a regional basis.
- Government investment dollars are tied to deregulation of transport industries.

The floor was opened up to discussion which is highlighted as follows:

- The driving force in the country is the consumer; this should be the focus of our statement. Sustainable domestic economy

- We should challenge the export strategy of the government. Productive capacity should focus on internal needs of the country. We should focus on building the capacity so that we are providing better lives in Canada.
- Added value to resources is important.
- Carbon Tax issue is going to be huge with respect to transportation of goods
- Shipping issues such as contamination of our waterways.
- Concentrate less on replacing transport systems and focus more on integrating all modes of transport in a modern way with a nationwide outlook.
- Shipping and transport are underutilized. If used effectively this would create jobs
- Need to have a section in the statement that addressed greening of jobs. If you green one industry, what are the effects in other industries. We should lead the country and government on this issue with a statement that addresses how we intend to move into the future
- The all sector conference scheduled for next year should focus on strategies to campaign together on legislative ownership. Demand a commitment to jobs in Canada from foreign owned companies.
- Ships sometimes wait days for Rail transport. Need to better utilize modes of transport. Look for the problems of tomorrow today and address them in the statement.
- Must be cautious on the eliminating exports issue as some industries are solely dependent on export of their product to foreign markets.
- We need to look at making Made in Canada a priority to create jobs and the export of goods produced here in country.
- A balance of production and use all in Canada must be found. Export is the icing.
- Canada must have the capacity to sustain itself with good jobs and value added services all made in Canada before any export can be looked at.
- Cutbacks and Export as a need to survive is being played up as propaganda which is creating pressure on companies to export and not to manufacture in Canada.
- Countries would invest in Canada if we could create a seamless integration of all sectors of transportation.
- Spin off from all transport issues must be tied to jobs and industry in Canada. If manufacturing will build in Canada then the transport industry will be more fully utilized.

The Questionnaires were discussed. We will look at the Transportation Statement and evaluate it with from an outlook on our own sectors respectively. Brother Gaucher will forward a copy of the statement to each of the members and as well post it on the RTC website. Please take the time to read the statement and give any feed back to Bill Gaucher before the next Council Meeting in December.

We will have a RTC meeting on the Thursday before the December Council in Toronto at 5 pm. The Meeting room is to be announced. Brother Gaucher will set up a conference call in October and November to see how everyone is coming along with the questionnaires as well as review the Transport statement with regards to each industry.

Meeting adjourned 3:10pm.

Recorded by Trevor Alway