

Minutes of organizational meeting held

Tues Nov. 12/47 8.00 P.M.

M. S. + C. Agendas be adopted. Carried.

Report of developments to date by Pres. Datts, as regards injunctions, court case, cancelled meetings, meeting with Mr. Johnstone Sat. night, and the Sunday meetings, and the question of setting up an independent union, which the executive <sup>board</sup> considers is the only left at this time.

Questions and Discussion Period.

Questions asked as to the effectiveness of an independent organization, and the question of affiliation with another organization. Questions as regards resignations, it ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> explained that any <sup>member</sup> can resign at anytime from the international.

Sister Datts explained the executives recommendation to date, toward setting up a new organization, on a Provincial scale.

Moved Sec. + Carried that a new organization be set up on a Provincial scale.

Reg. m. S. + C. that exec. board be constituted a provisional committee to draft by laws, etc, and call a provincial conference at the earliest opportunity, at which time election of officers be held, and the provincial organization be set up.

Reg. m. S. + C. that the name of the new organization be B.C. Federation of Hotel, Rest, & Allied Service Workers.

Financial Report.

Balance on hand as of Nov. 8 - 2.33

Reg. moved and recorded that financial report be accepted.

Reg. moved and seconded that the initiation fee of the new organization be \$1.00 - provided that paid up memberships in any labor recognized labor body constitute initiation fee. The dues of new organization be \$1.50 per month. Carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES' UNION, LOCAL 88

Meeting Adjourned

in view of the newspaper publicity that has been given our local Union in the past few days, the Executive Board of this Union wishes to make a public statement regarding the attempt of Vice President A. R. Johnson to take over the local in trusteeship and the removal from office of President Emily Warrick, Secretary-Business Agent Roy Lenczak, and Inspector Roy Moore.

The Executive Board (composed of nine elected members) are united in the belief of the officers in question until such time as they have been charged, given a fair trial, and have been proven guilty. Up to the present time there has not been any official charge laid against these officers, only the inference that the organization has not been conducted in the best interest of the local and International Union. It is the opinion of the Executive Board that such a loosely worded charge might could mean anything or nothing.

The Executive Board feels that they have been elected to safeguard and protect the local Union and shall each time as the membership has had an opportunity to receive a report on the action of the Vice-President and has been considered as to their wishes and desires they will not turn over any of the properties of the Union or allow any of its elected officers to be removed from office.

The Executive Board feels that the officers along with the membership shall enjoy the same privileges that are extended to any other Canadian citizen, namely, the right of any individual to his own political belief, provided his or her political views are not expounded in the Union and are not used to influence the affairs of the Union. The Executive Board feels that these conditions have not been violated by any of the officers in question.

It is significant that two of the officers concerned were elected delegates who attended the International Convention last April, in the City of Milwaukee. These delegates, on instructions from the membership, cast their votes in favor of the opposition to the present administration, and the Executive Board is confident that the real reason behind the Vice-President's actions. It would appear any one who may disagree with any of the present administration of the International may be called a "Communist" without any further proof.

NOTICE OF A MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ALREADY IN THE MAIL -- LET NO OBSTACLE KEEP YOU FROM HEARING A FULL REPORT.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
For Emily Warrick  
Roy Lenczak  
Roy Moore

Minutes of organizational meeting held  
Tues Nov. 12/47. 2.30 P.M.

M. S. + C. Agenda be adopted. Carried.

Report of developments to date by Pres.  
Watts. Question facing the membership at  
Sunday last meetings, either submit to A. R.  
Johnston trusteeship, or else break away from  
the International. At ~~the~~<sup>that</sup> meeting it was  
unanimously decided by those present to  
break away and form a new organization.

### Question and Discussion Period

Question asked as to whether three officers  
can be allowed to resign or not. It was explained  
that suspension follows 60 days of non-payment  
of dues. Any member may resign from any organization  
at any time.

Sister Watts explained the executives' recommendation  
to date, toward setting up a new organization, on  
a Provincial scale.

Reg. m. + sec. that exec. board be constituted a  
provincial committee to draft by laws etc.

Reg. m. sec. + c. That name of new organization  
be B. C. Federation of Hotel, Rest, & Allied  
Service Workers.

Financial Report - Balance on hand ~~9.22~~<sup>as of Nov. 8</sup> 2.33

Reg. moved and seconded that financial  
report be accepted. Carried

Res. moved and seconded that the initiation fee of the new organization be \$1.00 - provided that paid-up memberships in any recognized labor <sup>body</sup> ~~body~~ constitute initiation fee. The dues of new organization be \$1.50 per month. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned

4:05 P.M.