

Background info. re constitutional changes. From 1997 AGM

REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

From Beryl Clayton

RE: Item # 8 in minutes from 1996 AGM

Last year after a discussion on rewording the constitution, we agreed to strike a committee to come up with wording for the second paragraph of the constitution that accurately reflects the feminist objectives of the West Kootenay Women's Association without jeopardizing its charitable tax status.

One of the goals the CC had this year as a result of the in depth evaluation we undertook in November 1996 that was funded by the Ministry of Women's Equality, was to clarify our mandate and develop mission statements for both the Women's Centre and the WKWA. The WC mission statement has been written and will be presented later tonight as part of the WCC report. The writing of the WKWA mission statement is still in process and Beryl feels constitutional changes should wait until we are clear on our mandate so that the constitution, our mandate and mission statement are integrated.

Beryl is willing to work with the CC on the WKWA mission statement and work with others to write up purposes for the constitution which will reflect this. So, basically the changes are on hold for now and if there are any members that would like to work on this please leave a message for Beryl at the Women's Centre as she would welcome your input and support.