

## Report on the Trail Status of Women

A lengthy business agenda took over two hours to plow through at the Trail monthly meeting November 6th. About 18 members were present, including five new women. Topics covered included the following:

A petition urging the establishment of a V.C. clinic in the Kootenays was circulated and signed.

A plea was made for women to contribute to this newsletter. Arleen Burwash is now collecting the annual \$3.00 membership dues, one dollar of which goes to this newsletter.

Arleen also reported on Feminist books in the Trail library which the librarian had ordered at our request.

A new phone and mailing list was distributed and a new phone committee appointed under Marion Hurd.

A mass subscription to MS. was collected by Virginia Clover and sent off the following day.

Dian Edmonson (not present as she is taking a course on witch craft), is ordering 30 Canadian Feminist calendars which will be sold to the membership at December's meeting. They are \$3.00 and very attractive so please keep in mind a Xmas gifts.

Several members reported on the response to their letters to government officials protesting the Level decision.

Sue Charlton briefly described the speakers weekend. She also summarized the material to go into our brief to parliament on recommendations for B.C. women.

Shirley Hamaliton reported on her campaign. The membership voted to contribute \$5. to our two female candidates from S of W.

The next meeting will be a Christmas party on December 6th at Shirleys home, 3573 Marigold. We hope to present our putdown skits, and eat and drink and not do any "business".

Over coffee the group divided into two and discussed ideas, programs and campaigns which we would like to work on during the coming year. The Executive will sort our these suggestions and map out our next few meetings.

I was rather unhappy about the meetings for two reasons. First, to our new members much of what we were discussing must have made very little sense, yet one didn't feel there was time to explain the background of much that was on the agenda. Secondly, by the time the business part was over it was time to go home or go for a beer so very little personal communication or enlightenment took place. The executive is going to decide how to eliminate such a lengthy agenda by only doing "business" every other month, or meeting twice a month, or passing out an information sheet or something! Anyway, the Xmas party should be a blast...so do try to make it.

Oops, forgot. In response to our brief submitted last May asking for a Family Life etc. course in the schools, the school board announced last week that a community committee is being appointed to study the idea. It will meet as early as January! Marion Hurd and Susan Charlton will be our