



**Canadian Association of Baptist Freedoms**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wolfville Baptist Church, Wolfville NS**

**5 October 2019**

1: **Call to Order:** President Lee Nicholas-Pattillo at 9:03 AM

**Opening prayer:** Randy Crozsmán

**Regrets:** Dan Green, David Gibson, and Marilyn Peers

2. **Approval of agenda:** Moved by Lee, seconded by John Boyd. **Carried**

a) **Special presentation:** The second Life Membership of CABF to Rev. Dr. Roger Prentice

b) **Presentation of Association license** to Wendy Stubbert by John Churchill, Chair Credentials Committee.

3. **Approval of minutes: AGM September 29, 2018 and June 1, 2019.** Motion by Lee, seconded by John Churchill. **Carried**

4. **Business arising from minutes:** None other than Strategic Planning which is scheduled under New Business, and approval of minutes noted above.

5. **Reports:**

Motion by Lee to approve all the reports as circulated with exception of Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee report. Seconded Randy Crozsmán. **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:** David Allen highlighted various areas of the report and moved adoption. Seconded by Hugh Kirkegaard. **Carried.** Scott Kindred-Barnes expressed appreciation to David for his diligence in his role as Treasurer. All agreed.

**Finance Committee Report:** In Dan Green's absence, President Lee offered comments. Acceptance moved by David Allen, seconded by Marlene Knowles. On the issue of Auditors, Jim Stanley reported there are no recommendations for the Council yet. **Carried.**

6. **New Business:**

a) **Budget 2020:** Budget document circulated. David Allen noted the proposed budget is balanced, and that the only major difference in presentation is that the

expense for Canadian Council of Churches is broken out separately. David moved adoption of the budget, seconded by Jim Stanley.

- b) **Nominating Committee:** Report circulated. John Tonks thanked John Boyd and others who participated, as well as those who accepted roles. John Boyd noted corrections to the report. The amended report was moved by John Tonks, seconded by Gary Nelson. There were no further nominations. **Carried.**
- c) **Auditors:** David Allen commented on the current process underway to satisfy the requirements of the Registry of Joint Stock Companies. Decision pending; meanwhile, quarterly reports are sent to Jim Stanley to review. An Audit Committee is being considered. It was noted that audits are becoming very expensive. Gary Nelson explained that in the absence of an audit, a financial statement signed by two directors is required by Registry of Joint Stock Companies.
- d) **Strategic Plan:**

Sheila Stanley presented the proposed *Strategic Plan – Proposed Framework* and elaborated on the process which led to brief presentations of:

***Strategic Priority 1: ‘Proclaiming what we know about the Freedoms’*** by John Boyd;

***Strategic Priority 2: ‘Convening for the purposes of fellowship and growth in the freedoms.’*** by Jeff White and

***Strategic Priority 3: ‘Supporting the development of one another as we live out the meaning of the Freedoms.’*** by John Churchill.

Moved by Sheila Stanley that the Strategic Framework as presented in the (circulated) document be adopted. Seconded by Marlene Knowles.

**Adam Boyd** moved the following amendment: the words “male or female” be stricken in section pertaining to Church Freedom. Seconded by Ed Colquhoun. **Carried.**

**John Boyd** moved an amendment to add the words “organized in 1971” be after “...Atlantic Baptist Fellowship...” in the Preamble. Seconded by Jeff White. **Carried.** The original motion, with these two revisions was voted on. **Carried.**

It was proposed and agreed by all that Rick Manuel be thanked for his leadership and significant contribution to the development of the Strategic Planning Framework.

## **7. Meeting adjourned** by the Chair at 10:15 AM.