

# Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Saturday, September 27, 2013 – Manning Memorial Chapel, Wolfville, NS

**Welcome** by John Tonks, Vice Chair.

**Invocation Prayer** was offered by John Tonks.

**Minutes of CABF AGM** (date). Moved (John Boyd/Frank McGill) they be adopted. Carried.

### Reports

**Nominating Committee.** Jeffrey White reported the following slate of officers and council.

President: John Tonks

Vice President: vacant

Past President: Dan Gibson

Secretary: Lee Nicholas-Patillo

Treasurer: Cynthia Ogilvie

Bulletin Editor *pro tem*, and Credential Committee: Roger Prentice

Membership: David Ogilvie

Atlantic Ecumenical Council representative: John Boyd

Website, and Constitution Committee: John Churchill

Council: David Allen

Moved (Jeff White/Vicki Brown) this report be accepted. Carried.

Moved (David Gibson/John Churchill) that the Council seek a Vice President on behalf of the CABF. Carried.

**Recognition of Clergy.** Roger Prentice reported that we continue to have ministers requesting accreditation with us. He presented an elegant certificate to the Rev. Hedley Hopkins, and announced that the Rev. Tim McFarland would also be receiving a certificate upon his return to the meeting.

**Treasurer.** David Ogilvie advertised a Holy Land tour led by David Jordan, and as Membership Secretary reminded the body that we need to be actively recruiting members to the CABF. David then a Treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Cynthia Ogilvie. The following were circulated:

CABF Financial Report: Operating Account October 2012 – August 2013, Grant Account October 2012 – August 2013, Rushton Account October 2012 – August 2013.

CABF Consolidated Financial Statements for October 2012 to August 2013, and January – September 2012.

CABF Proposed Budget 2014 (expenses only), and CABF Proposed Budget 2013 (expenses only).

David noted that our expenses each year exceed income. There was conversation about the membership “fee” so called. David reported we have thirteen member churches and about one hundred individual members. Responding to a question, David reported we continue to be in contact with groups such as the Gathering of Baptists, the Baptist Peace Fellowship, and the Alliance of Baptists. Our relationship with the Canadian Council of Churches is well-defined, compared with our relations to the other groups. David also reported that we have also talked about a visible mission project.

Moved (David Ogilvie/Sharon McGill) the financial reports of be accepted, including the Operating Account, Grant Account and Rushton Account for Oct '12 – Aug '13, and the Consolidated Financial Statement Jan-Sept '12. It was agreed to refer to Council the consideration of how we report and approve our statements, when our fiscal year is January 1 – December 31. On recommendation by David Gibson, the mover and seconder agreed to amend the motion so that we accept “for information” these reports. Motion carried.

Moved (David Ogilvie/David Gibson) that the CABF Proposed Budget 2013 be accepted as printed. It was agreed to call this “Proposed Expenditures” instead of “Proposed Budget.” Motion carried. It was agreed to refer to the Council the completion of the budget with the addition of proposed income.

Moved (David Ogilvie/Hugh Kierkegaard) the adoption of the 2014 Proposed Expenditures (called “Proposed Budget 2014” on paper). It was explained that the increased budget for the bulletin will cover the cost of an extra edition, helped by the fact the Editor *pro tem* will not be receiving an honourarium for this work. There was some conversation about publishing the Bulletin electronically. Naomi Mensink recommended a sub-committee work on options for publication of the Bulletin: it was agreed this be referred to the Council. Motion carried. It was agreed that the Council be charged with striking a financial committee to do some helpful work.

**Credentials Committee.** It was agreed that Roger Prentice would offer the suggestions about credentials, then put the motion.

Moved (Roger Prentice/John Churchill) that the document be accepted as our working document of accreditation, with the additions agreed upon. Carried.

**Constitution.** John Churchill circulated the proposed amendments to the CABF Constitution. Moved (John Churchill/Marilyn Peers) that we accepted the amendments to the Constitution as circulated. John described the amendments. Related to 55(2), David Ogilvie asked if we need to keep a list of bodies acceptable to the CABF. It was noted that through the Secretary we can do this. It was also noted that deciding upon the acceptability of a group is the work of the whole body of the CABF, led by the Council. Motion carried.

**Website.** John Churchill advised the fellowship to check our website periodically; there is lots of material available there.

## **New Business**

It was noted that requests for **guest speakers** should be sent to John Boyd, Chair of Programming.

It was again agreed that the Council strike a **financial committee**.

It was agreed that the Council strike a **communications committee**.

Moved we **adjourn** (David Allen).

**Prayer** was offered by John Boyd.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey G. White  
Secretary *pro tem*