

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms  
Council Meeting **Minutes- November 15, 2016**  
(Port Williams's church)

**In attendance:** John Churchill, Rick Manuel, David Allen, Roger Prentice and Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

**Absent:** John Tonks and Hugh Kirkegaard

**Agenda:**

1. **Called to Order** at 9:38 am.

Roger (Prentice) acted as Chair in absence of Chair, John Tonks.

2. **Addendums to and Approval Agenda**

Today's Agenda:

1. Distribution list
2. Fred Demaray re: Spring meeting in Ottawa
3. Strategic Plan
4. Members at Large
5. Minutes from Hugh re AGM

3. **Minutes from previous meeting approved**

Lee moved the October 25, 2016 minutes be accepted as presented. **Second by Rick. Carried.** Rick moved September 20, 2016 minutes be accepted as present. **Second by Lee. Carried.** (Lee needs to send both minutes to David Allen and add David to the distribution list.)

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Dan's recognition certificate

Roger will consult with Susan and offer a couple alternatives to delivering this recognition certificate to Dan: (1) present in June 2017 at Rushton Lecture Luncheon (2) present at his church beginning of a service (3) visit Dan at home (4) any other suggestion from Susan.

Members at Large - May need to check motion. Think new members-at-large are Rick and Hugh. Hugh has a 3 year term and Rick is the Chair of the Program Committee.

(1) Lee to ask Marianne Thomas if she will be member-at-large for 3 year; proceed with offer for 2 year or 1 year. (2) John (Churchill) to contact Sharon Baxter. (3) Lee to ask Jenny Csinos for same request as Marianne or, whatever is required after Marianne responds. (4) Rick can proceed to contact Harriet McCready. (Lee will check with John Churchill to see if he has contacted Harriet previously. Lee needs to do first so John and Rick will know how long a term to ask others to accept.) **ACTION: Lee to do and advise John.**

Responsibilities of Member-At-Large:

1. attend meetings
2. accept planning for specific committee
3. participate in planning for Council events

When all positions are filled, with no overlap, we would have a Council of 15 - 5 Committees with 3 people on each committee.

### **5. Correspondence**

(1) We received an email from John Boyd and Fred Demaray that **The Gathering** has been recognized as a denomination in Ontario. A great step for them. This means they are able to ordain ministers.

We should add to the April meeting with The Gathering, the topic to discuss our partnership with The Gathering and what this means to each group (CABF and The Gathering).

Roger will check with Fred about reservations for hotels/motels in the area for those who want to travel to Ontario. Roger will check and advise ASAP.

**ACTION: Roger as noted above.**

(2) Roger advised that he continues to receive positive feedback for **The Bulletin**. He received a letter from Bruce Neal in Ontario. Bruce congratulates CABF on the publication of **The Bulletin!** Another letter came from Rev. Kenneth Jackson from

McNeil Baptist Church with congratulations to Roger and to Marianne (Thomas) on her recent article in The Bulletin.

## **6. Reports**

### **a) Treasurer's Report**

David Allen provided a Bank Summary (see Attachment #1) in advance of the meeting. Income and expenses are noted. Appears that we have a \$1,700 surplus; however, this will be used by our representative going to CCC meeting this month. Some were surprised to learn that we have a representative, Ed Colquhoun, attending the CCC meeting. This came about after our President asked (during the AGM) if someone was interested in going to represent CABF. In order to *make it official* and we are able to (legally) pay Ed's expenses, we need to appoint Ed as our official representative.

**John Churchill moved** that Ed Colquhoun be appointed CABF representative to the fall CCC meeting. **Second** by Rick Manuel. Abstention Lee Nicholas-Pattillo. **Carried.**

**David (Allen) moved** the report be accepted as presented. **Second – Roger Prentice. Carried.**

### **b) Financial/Budget Report**

David Allen provided a 2017 Budget at the AGM. Nothing more at this time.

Bank change to David has not as yet been completed. David is not able to sign cheques as yet. He can make deposits using his iPad. This is good! **NO ACTION**

John Churchill advised he has the filing cabinet and its contents that was previously managed by Cynthia. That cabinet is now located at Port Williams church.

### **c) Membership**

David advised two more churches (Arlington church and Lawrence town (in the valley) sent funds. There are still a few churches that have not sent dues as yet. **David moved** the acceptance of his report; **second** by Lee (Nicholas-Pattillo). **Carried. NO ACTION**

**d) The Bulletin**

Roger advised the next edition will be out in mid-January. Articles for that edition should be received by Roger by early December. **NO ACTION.**

**e) Credentials Committee**

Roger advised the Committee continues to meet regularly. The Committee continues dealing with all requests and issues in a prayerful, compassionate and passionate manner.

Also, the Committee continues to complete its work on documentation of its processes and procedures. **NO ACTION**

**f) Website**

John Churchill continues to keep our website up to date. Thank you John! No report. **NO ACTION**

**g) Rushton Lecture**

**June 3, 2017** - Roger will check with the availability of the Chapel. He will not book it until Lee checks with John Churchill to see if Port Williams would like to host again. As for a speaker, Rick noted that Citizens for Poverty & Justice (CPJ) has 3 major focuses (1) reconciliation (2) climate change – God gave us this world; we need to take care of (3) poverty reduction. CPJ is a member of CCC. Rick will explore possibilities for a guest speaker related to these topics or one of these topics. **ACTION as noted for Lee and Rick**

**h) Fall Assembly & AGM**

We have not received the minutes from Hugh for the AGM. Lee will email Hugh for the minutes. **ACTION as noted for Lee.**

**i) Constitution/By-laws**

No report.

**j) Partners' Reports:**

1) **CCC** – David (Allen) advised he had discussion with CCC's regarding the invoice sent to CABF for the cost of the fall board meeting. David stated that the lady he spoke with knew nothing of the past conversation between John Boyd and Karen Hamilton. David explained the position of CABF. The lady understood. She will

check with the people in the CCC office. David changed the address – to his address - for future communication. **No Action.**

2) **Peace Development** – No report.

3) **Alliance of Baptist** – No report.

## 7. New Business

### Today's Agenda:

1. Distribution list – See Attachment #3 for current distribution list.
2. Fred Demaray re: Spring meeting in Ottawa - See Agenda item #5 (1) noted in today's meeting minutes.
3. **Strategic Plan** – deferred to January 2017 meeting.
4. Members at Large – See Agenda item #4 – noted in today's meeting minutes.
5. Minutes from Hugh re AGM – See Agenda item #6 h in today's meeting minutes.
6. **Teleconferencing** for people out of Province and/or not able to attend physically – **ACTION:** David Allen will research possible tools for this.
7. **Pamphlet** – describing CABF + its goals and objectives + theological context + other information, is something we should consider preparing for distribution. (Deferred to January 2017 meeting.)
8. Discuss ***The Gathering*** meeting in the spring of 2017 (deferred to January 2017 meeting.)

## 8. Information Items

1. Rick advised that he had his second interview with CABC. Rick was questioned, in writing about his association with CABF. CABC stated this Rick's association with CABF was a concern for them.
2. Roger advised that he had a planned meeting with Michael Vimana. Michael is accredited by the Presbyterian Church. Roger stated that Michael would need to be a member of a Baptist Church to be accredited by CABF. Michael attended the AGM in Falmouth. This meeting will allow for more discussion with Michael.

**9. Adjournment:** Closed in prayer by Roger Prentice at 11:50 am. See Attachment #2 for planned CABF Council meetings in 2017.

See Attachment #3 for the current distribution list for CABF Council meeting minutes. (This is regarding Today's Agenda Item #1)

**Next meeting date:** January 17, 2017 at 9:30 am

**Location:** FBCH