

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)  
Council Minutes for meeting – June 17, 2014

**Attendees:**

David G. Allen

Cynthia Ogilvie

David Ogilvie

John Boyd

Kim Sweet

John Churchill

Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

**Regrets:** John Tonks

**Agenda**

**NOTE:** John Boyd chaired the meeting in the absence of President, John Tonks.

Opened in prayer by John Boyd at 10:08 am.

1. Minutes of April 29, 2014 (Note: There was no May meeting.)
2. Fall Annual General Meeting at Chester - October 3 & 4, 2014
3. Financial Update
4. Review of Rushton Luncheon
5. Greetings
6. Credentials Committee Update

1. Minutes of April 29, 2014 (Note: There was no May meeting.)

There was discussion on Item #6 - Report on Presbyterian agreement (John Tonks)

We were unable to clarify the message from John Tonks regarding this item.

Secretary deferred the discussion and advised we would consult with John Tonks to get a clear understanding. Then the minutes of the meeting will be revised.

David Allen **moved** the minutes be accepted (with the planned revision) by David Allen, **seconded** by David Ogilvie.

2. Fall Annual General Meeting at Chester - October 3 & 4, 2014

There was much discussion about whether the AGM will be one day or two.

Kim informed Council of an offer from **Oak Island Inn**: they will provide a preferential rate of \$139.00 for one room, or \$159 for an oceanfront room, or \$299 for a cottage (two bedrooms) (all based on two people) all these rates will include breakfast for 2 people. They will also provide an evening bonfire for the group. This way we could meet Friday evening for a meal together, \$35/person. **It was agreed** that we should advise Oak Island that we would like the meal on Friday evening, followed by the bonfire. The meal should be around 6:30 or 7:00 pm. Kim will advise.

**Devotional:** Gail Whalen-Dunn from Falmouth Baptist will be asked by David Ogilvie.

**Barry Morrison** will be approached to confirm if Scott (our guest) would like to preach the Sunday following our meeting at Wolfville.

**Agenda for one day** was discussed.

**Agenda items for AGM: Constitution:** advise of increase in membership fees and **budget** (these are the only agenda items this far). We discussed and confirmed (in our constitution) that all positions are for two years; therefore, having renewed positions last year – this is not required for this 2014 AGM.

**Registrations** should be sent to Kim.

**Our existing email data base** should be used to send the brochure via email to member churches; as well, each member should receive the email.

**Moved** by John Churchill and **seconded** by David Allen, that the AGM for 2014 will be one day, (October 4<sup>th</sup>). **Motion carried** with one ‘nay’.

It is important that The Bulletin include a ‘notice of motion’ as required by Article 5 of our constitution, advising of the membership fee increase. The ‘notice of motion’ requires at least 30 days advance notice. Therefore including it in the next edition of The Bulletin, will be appropriate.

**ACTION:** Lee will ensure that editor, Roger Prentice is aware of this.

### 3. Financial Update

Cynthia distributed a ‘Banking Summary – Year-to-date’ Attachment #1.

She advised that this report will be changed by \$2.50 due to a bank charge from the Bank of Montreal.

Cynthia advised that we received a gift of \$50 from Scott’s Bay church.

**Moved** by Cynthia and **seconded** by Kim, that Cynthia issue a cheque today to Lee (Nicholas-Pattillo) for our payment to Register of Joint Stock Companies for our 2014 registration (\$30.25) and \$119.68 for expenses Lee incurred for Alliance Gathering in May. **Carried.** Cheque was issued.

**Moved** by Cynthia (Ogilvie) and **second** by David (Ogilvie) that the Treasurer’s report be accepted as presented with the note about the \$2.50 charge. **Carried.**

Discussion followed about considering **Baptist Peace Fellowship** in our list of partners that CABF would be willing to share costs incurred by representatives attending meetings/conference sponsored by them. All agreed it was important that CABF, Alliance and The Baptist Peace Fellowship maintain a good working and communications partnership; we have much in common.

It was noted that the policy offered by the working committee who recommended paying portions of expenses incurred by members representing CABF, has not as yet been adopted. However, according to clause 3.7 of our *Memorandum of Understanding*, we can make changes to include the Baptist Peace Fellowship as a partner of CABF.

It was **moved**, under the authority of clause 3.7 of the Memorandum of Understanding for CABF, that we recognize The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North American as an organization of like mind of CABF. **Moved** by John Churchill and **seconded** by Kim Sweet; **carried unanimously**. (This motion should be shared with our membership at our Annual Meeting.)

#### 4. Review of Rushton Luncheon

There was discussion about our recent Rushton Lecture:

- 65 meals were bought
- Tim (from the Chapel) will send our invoice for the meals directly to Cynthia.
- The honorarium was paid and given in a greeting card
- A basket of gifts that originated in the valley was very pleasantly received by Dr. Mosher. She was delighted!
- The 'thank you' given by Jim Stanley was great!
- Pat Townsend did a great job on her tribute.

A few things we can do better:

- Be better prepared for the memorial moment; we should attempt to collect names from others within CABF. (Though we will be able to collect some deaths through our new SUMAC program.)
- Some people could not hear Dr. Mosher in the chapel. There is a new system there; although she does have a soft voice. We need to check on accommodations for the hearing impaired prior to the presentation in the future.

There was a request for Dr. Pam Mosher's talk to be put on our website. John Boyd will give Pam contact information for John Churchill. She is willing to provide her notes. Pam has already sent a thank you note to John (Boyd) immediately following the luncheon.

**ACTION:** John Boyd send John Churchill's contact info to Dr. Mosher, so they (Churchill and Dr. Mosher) can communicate, so John (Churchill) can put Pam's talk on the CABF website.

It was suggested and agreed that a 'thank you' note should be sent to Barb and Bob Rushton. Bob played the organ. He has also done this in the past.

**ACTION:** Secretary (Lee) to send note.

#### 5. Greetings from David Ogilvie from BPF of NA.

David informed Council of well wishes sent from the **Peace Fellowship** and from past member of Council, **Andy Crowell**. David said he saw folks from The Gathering out west, and Terry Dempsey and Paul Dekar – ministers already recognized by CABF. It was nice to be recognized by members who are at a distance. Andy is doing well. Andy said that he had submitted a request for recognition through Roger Prentice and he didn't hear back from us. David suggested we should follow-up on this with the Credentials Committee. David made this a suggestion from himself – not a request from Andy.

David stated that he was also asked by Terry (Dempsey) and others if CABF was moving to be licensed by other provinces. David didn't have a response. This is *'food for thought'*. John (Boyd) advised this could be a challenge for CABF, because in order to do this, if the other provinces are like NS, we must have a presence in each province for a specified number of years.

Another change noted is that in NS one is now able to get a marriage licence without waiting the 5 days – as was the previous procedure.

**ACTION:** John Boyd will follow up with the Credentials Committee about Andy Crowell.

6. Credentials Committed Request

See 'Attachment #2' – application, draft #1 for 'CLERGY RECOGNITION APPLICATION FORM - CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR BAPTIST FREEDOMS'

John asked that we all review the form and send any comments, questions, thoughts and/or concerns to Roger (Prentice).

**ACTION:** Everyone review and send comments (before next meeting) to Roger Prentice.

Final note, it was noted that Rich Manual has expressed interest in CABF. It was suggested that he would be invited to a Council meeting, and we should look for a way that he could participate.

**Next meeting date:** Tuesday, August 19, 10:00 am at Port Williams.