

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms  
Council Meeting **Minutes- August 18, 2016**  
(at First Baptist Church Halifax)

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

**Regrets:** John Tonks

**Agenda:**

1. **Call to Order** at 9:52 am, in prayer by Roger Prentice.

2. **Addendums to and Approval Agenda**

1. Credentials update
2. Burlington Baptist questions – will be addressed in membership report.
3. AGM – Fall Assembly
4. Treasurer need

3. **Minutes from previous meeting approved**

It was advised a few folks met in July; however, no business was conducted. General information was discussed. Last meeting was June 28, 2016.

**Moved by John Churchill** that the minutes of June 28, 2016 be accepted as presented. **Second by Rick Manuel. Carried.**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

n/a

5. **Correspondence**

1. **Registry Joint Stock Company**

Lee advised that at the end of the AGM new list of Directors and new constitution needs to be sent to the Registry.

6. **Reports**

a) **Treasurer's Report**

David Allen provided a statement (see Attachment #1) of our account up to July 19, 2016.

b) **Financial/Budget Report**

David advised a budget is required for the AGM. This will be reviewed and considered when new Treasurer assigned. **David (Allen) moved** the report be accepted as presented. **Second – Rick Manuel. Carried.**

**c) Membership**

**Burlington Baptist** (in Ontario) **questions** – Milt MacLean has several questions regarding membership fees of CABF. Attachment #2 shows a report David (Allen) prepared to aid in the discussion with Milt about membership and membership fees. After discussion, David (Allen) agreed to send a report to John (Churchill) and John will use that report in responding to Milt's questions. David stated he will send his report for feedback from Council members before John uses it in his response to Milt's questions.

Another question from Milt *'How will CABF handle growth?'*

Suggestions offered to include in response: Council members are encouraging newly recognized (and younger) Ministers to participate on Council; as more churches join from other provinces we are considering methods (face time, conference calls, etc.) of including those members in council; moving forward we will send our meeting minutes to members outside the province; and we would will continue talking with younger members and member churches. John will consider these comments and continue his discussion with Milt.

**d) The Bulletin**

Editor, Roger Prentice advised the September edition is now at the printers. He has too much info for this edition – a good problem! He is working with the printers on this edition. The September edition will be released on time.

**e) Credentials Committee**

Roger advised the Committee had a great interview with Pam Esty. She wants to proceed with Accreditation.

John (Churchill) reminded members that he had forward a few documents to them before this meeting. John forwarded: (1) Application for Accreditation Pre-Ordination – Attachment #3; (2) Application for Recognition of Accreditation – Attachment #4; (3) mentorship notes: **2.3 One Year Probation in Ministry with a Mentor** – Attachment #5.

John asked for feedback. All commented the documents were well prepared and represent CABF Credentials work very well. **Moved** by **David Allen** that Application for Accreditation Pre-Ordination – Attachment #3; Application for Recognition of Accreditation - Attachment #4 be accepted as presented. **Second** by **Rick Manuel**. **Carried unanimously**.

John advised, that mentorship notes: **2.3 One Year Probation in Ministry with a Mentor** (Attachment #5) is being worked on. There was discussion about the context of how this document is to be used. Minimal research in our existing ordination documents identified that this document is in place for the individual preparing for ordination. It was suggested that the Credentials Committee document the process that occurs and where and how in that process, this document will be used. Action as noted.

f) **Website**

All is well there. The site looks good. Thanks to John (Churchill).

g) **Rushton Lecture**

All agreed the luncheon went well. Good feedback on the link-in with Branford church.

h) **Fall Assembly & AGM**

1. Rick suggested that we be sure to print the 4 page document – *Medical Assistance in Dying: Frequently Asked Questions for the Public. (updated July 4, 2016)* **Action:** Lee will make 50 copies for the AGM.
2. We need to have ‘thank you’ notes for the 4 panelists and the Guest Speaker. **It was agreed:** the 3 panelists who will be present will receive a thank you note and a cheque for \$100. A thank you note and a cheque for \$50 will sent to Sr. Nuala Kenney. (Sr. Kenney is sending an executive summary of her book, ONLY to be read. She is unable to attend.)
3. Guest speaker is to be paid \$250 for each session; he will present 2 times = \$500 plus \$100 for mileage; total of \$600.
4. Cost per person: **Moved** by **David Allen** registration will be \$40/person for both days or \$25/person for either day of attendance. **Second** by **John Churchill**. Discussion followed. A revision was made.

**Moved** by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, registration will be \$30/person for both days or \$20/person for either day of attendance. **Second** by **John Churchill**. **Carried**.

5. Rick has confirmed the panelists and the guest speaker. Thank you Rick!

**i) Constitution/By-laws**

John (Churchill) advised that he has been speaking with Gary Nelson (our lawyer) about assigning committee members. This is something that will be added to the Business meeting of the Fall Assembly.

**j) Partners' Reports:**

**1) CCC**

Lee presented an invoice she was asked to present on behalf of John Tonks. The invoice was from CCC for a share of the expenses for the spring board meeting. We reflected on the discussion noted in the CABF meeting minutes of September 22, 2015. This was when John Boyd had discussion with CCC and discussed the invoices for the CCC Spring and fall board meetings. At that time, after discussion with CCC, John (Boyd) reported that CABF will continue to pay their membership fee. Also, CABF will pay the expenses for a member of CABF to attend the spring and fall board meetings. Paying expenses for the CABF rep to attend these meetings will be in lieu of CABF paying a portion of the expenses for the Governing Board meetings. This invoice will not be paid. (Invoice filed with these meeting minutes.) No action.

**2) Peace Development – none**

**3) Alliance of Baptist – none**

**7. New Business**

**Interim Treasurer:** Our Treasurer has left the province.

**John (Churchill) moved** that David Allen be the interim Treasurer. **Second** by Rick Manuel. **Carried**.

**Rick Manuel moved** that David Allen be a signing officer of CABF. **Second** by **John Churchill**. **Carried**.

**8. Informational Items**

Lee advised that a lifetime membership presentation will need to be added to the Business meeting agenda at the AGM.

## **9. Adjournment**

Next meeting **Tuesday, Sept. 20 @ 9:30 am, at Port Williams.**