

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Council Minutes for meeting - June 18, 2013

Attendees:

John Tonks	John Churchill	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo
Jeff White	David Ogilvie	Roger Prentice
John Boyd	Cynthia Ogilvie	Kim Sweet

Guest: Deacon Ken Eavis, from Wolfville Baptist Church and Paul Burden

Absent: Dan Gibson (hospitalized)

Agenda

Opening Prayer - Opened in prayer at 10:12 am by Rev. David Ogilvie. In prayer for Dan and his family during this challenging time.

Minutes of last Council Meeting – Correction in Agenda Item #2, 3rd bullet, changed ‘snakes’ to ‘snacks’. (Thanks to all!)

Moved by John Boyd to accept minutes of April 25, 2013 (the last meeting of CABF) with the correction as noted. **Seconded** by John Churchill. **Carried** unanimously.

Correspondence – Secretary confirmed no correspondence at this time.

Vice President, John Tonks, asked if anyone was aware if David Taylor had been contacted since our last meeting. Dan was going to make this contact. No one had any knowledge of this.

We recalled that David (Taylor) wanted to be credentialed with CABF and wanted to know what he would have to do to be credentialed. Roger indicated that at this time, David (Taylor) would have to start over. That is, David would have to start the accreditation process outlined in the document that has recently been prepared by the Credentials Committee. This procedure will be presented to the membership at this coming fall meeting.

ACTION: John (Tonks) will search out contact info for David and contact David and advise him the same.

Business arising from the minutes that will not be dealt with in the reports – a couple items added under ‘Other Business’.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report

Attachment #1 to these minutes has 2 pages. This is the most recent Treasure's report.

On Page 1 – Cynthia noted that grant money will disappear so that we have an '**Operating budget**' only; however, the heading 'Grant' will continue to appear under the heading of '**Investments**'. It was noted that the 'Investments' account is receiving donations; however, the donations will not continue to cover our expenses we are paying from this account.

On Page 2 – Cynthia noted that moving forward we need to be more intentional and clearer on exactly what will be covered, when we commit to covering conference expenses for a Council Member. For example, we need to state '*we will cover air travel*' or '*we will cover hotel expense*', etc. This will assist her in knowing what account to credit/debit etc.

As a resolution to this, it was agreed that a small committee be established to set policy/guidelines for paying member expenses. Cynthia, John (Tonks) and Kim will be form the committee. One of the things to be considered by the committee is our relationship (i.e. the relationship of CABF) with other organizations and how that relationship benefits CABF. Is the relationship formal or informal? What does the committee recommend regarding representation at gatherings/meetings/conferences with those who we share relationships? At this time, the relationships to be considered include: Alliance, Peace Fellowship, CCC and AEC.

When it comes to membership fees for CABF, all membership fees are recorded as a donation.

It was noted that we use to have envelopes placed on the tables at our meetings. Members could make donations as they pleased. It's been suggested that we should consider doing this again. Otherwise, we may deplete our funds (as noted under 'Donations').

In 2012, churches donated approximately \$4,382 (large donation from FBCH) and individual members donated approximately \$1,564.

It was suggested that perhaps we need to have an 'income drive'.

Cynthia moved her report be adopted as presented.

John Churchill seconded; carried unanimously.

ACTION: Expense Committee to work on policy.

2. Rushton Lecture

Approximately 70 people including members, guests and Council members attended the June 1, 2013 luncheon/lecture at the Chapel.

Kim indicated and everyone agreed the service was very good at the meal. Roger pointed out this was a great thanks to Tim McFarland and Kim and Tim's work.

One area of concern seemed to be the acoustics at the Chapel. Another concern was our error in omitting Rev. Dr. Griffin-Alwood from our memorial moment.

Kim indicated that the amount of mail returned from our mail-out for the luncheon has reduced. It seems our mailing list is getting 'tighter'.

David stated that using 'mail chimp' he has established an email list for all members for whom he had an email address. This is good.

Compliments to Jeff for his tribute to Dr. Cherry.

Kim informed us that our guest speaker, David Jordan and his wife received a true Maritime gift basket, in their room, on behalf of CABF. (This is a great idea and well prepared and gifted under Kim's direction, on our behalf. THANKS for making us look so good Kim!)

The Jordans were hosted well by Port Williams church the Sunday following the Rushton Lecture; and were gifted the use of a cottage for three nights, from one of the members of Port Williams. How delightful and thoughtful – thanks again Port Williams!

NO ACTION REQUIRED

3. Insurance – Paul Burden

Paul is working with Bob Young an investment/insurance person on the development of a policy that CABF and its membership might consider. A few details about what is being developed:

1. There are **3 classifications**: (1) church staff (2) Chaplains (3) members
2. For the first classification, (1) **church staff**, the rule is that if the church is to be part of the policy ALL staff working 20 hours or more, have to become part of the plan. However, an individual can opt out, if they have a spousal plan elsewhere.
3. There is no waiting period for staff when the 'switch over' to this policy occurs. However once the original policy is established, new members to the policy will have a wait period of **60 days**.
4. For the second classification, (2) **Chaplains**, this group info is still being worked on. The government is saying 'Chaplains' must be contracted. Federal government will have one contractor who holds all contracts for all Chaplains across the country.
5. For the third classification (3) **members**, churches need to be sure that each church's constitution has a definition of 'member' and that those members interested in joining in the policy, meet the criteria for 'member'.

6. There is **no** LTD available for classification #3 (members).
7. **Pension** – is very flexible; it can be set up many ways; Great West Life deals with the Pension portion of the policy.
8. **Pricing** - includes everything except dental; for a Single person = \$54/month; for that cost: 80% of drugs are paid, the individual receives a card; minimum life insurance of \$40,000; for an additional \$21/month dental can be included.
A family plan = \$135/month. This includes the same coverage noted above for a 'Single person'.
When someone retires, they are able to keep all the benefits outlined in the policy.
9. There must be at least 50 people – that means a total of 50 people that can be made up of the 3 different classifications, for the policy to be offered.
10. Farley Financial, Bob Young's company is willing to do the administrative work for the policy. Bob is willing to come and speak with us about the policy.

Thanks to Paul for this work. More info to follow.

NO ACTION AT this time.

4. Credentials

Roger stated there has been no meeting with the Committee since our last Council meeting. Roger read a letter sent from Terry Tingley regarding his daughter Vickie Lee Brown. Roger sent a reply to Terry that he read. Terry indicated that Vickie Lee has had a license to preach granted by the HRUBA for the past couple of years. Roger encouraged Terry to encourage Vickie Lee to continue her process for ordination. Roger sent a draft of the accreditation document that will be presented to the membership in the fall. **No additional action required at this time.**

Roger also informed Council that Hedley Hopkins has requested accreditation with CABF; however, Hedley does not require accreditation for marriage. Based on the existing By Laws, Hedley can be grandfathered. Hedley has provided a copy of his ordination certificate. (This has been given to CABF Secretary; and will be retained in a personal file for Hedley.)

Roger Prentice moved that Hedley Hopkins be accepted as an accredited clergy person of CABF. **Seconded by John Boyd.** Carried unanimously.

ACTION: Secretary will advise Hedley he has been accepted as an accredited clergy person of CABF, effective June 18, 2013. Also, that a certificate will be presented to him at the fall meeting. Secretary will also prepare documents for the fall meeting.

5. Constitution/By-Laws

Nothing to report at this time.

6. Fall Assembly/AGM

Due to unforeseen circumstances Port Williams church is unable to host CABF Fall meeting. Discussion took place. Contacts were made to inquire if the Chapel was available for the planned September 27 & 28 dates. We were hopeful that having shared this date (September 27 & 28) and knowing that the guest speaker has scheduled these dates, that we could maintain these dates. Everyone agreed to a modified meal plan if these dates were available at the Chapel.

Ken advised he would be able to check with the ladies group from Wolfville Baptist later this week, to see if they will be able to help. (THANKS Ken!)

Later in the day Roger was able to confirm the availability of the Chapel! The Chapel was booked and the dates remained as originally planned. Caterers at The Chapel will provide coffee and refreshments on Friday evening – rather than a meal; Saturday they will provide coffee and refreshments and a lunch with desserts – the same desserts as provided at the recent Rushton Lecture luncheon.

Kim will continue to accept the registrations; Cynthia will be available on Friday evening for registrations; John (Boyd) will revise the public announcement that will be sent to the churches; David will continue using the email list he has, as well as the mailing list to send out information.

John (Tonks) and Renee Clark have been confirmed as panel members.

John Boyd will contact Adele Crowell and John Dalton about being panel members as well.

Outstanding concerns for that weekend:

1. Need someone for registration on Saturday
2. Need a Secretary for the meeting on Saturday

ACTION: **John Boyd** will contact Adele Crowell and John Dalton about being panel members as well.

7. Request for recognition of ordination/ or request for ordination

See business and actions as noted in Agenda #4 of this meeting.

8. AEC

John Tonks continues to be the CABF representative.. John informed Council that at a recent meeting he attended with AEC, he became the Treasurer for AEC. Thus he will be attending the meetings. The new President for AEC is from the South Shore.

THANK you John!

NO ACTION AT this time.

9. Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)

Also, because of the current health concerns with Dan, CABF will require a new representative with CCC. For now, any correspondence from CCC should be forwarded to Vice President John Tonks.

NO ADDITIONAL ACTION AT this time.

10. Peace Fellowship

David Ogilvie advised that he is talking with the Board of the Peace Fellowship about the possibility of CABF having a covenant with the Peace Fellowship. He would like to talk with Council about this. This is deferred until the Fall Council meeting.

ACTION: Secretary will recall this as an agenda item for the fall's Council meeting.

11. Report of the Alliance

Secretary, (Lee) will be attending the Fall Board meeting for Alliance on the same week-end as CABF's fall meeting. A substitute Secretary is required.

Other than that, nothing to report at this time.

NO ACTION AT this time.

12. Other business

1) Wolfville Baptist Church

Roger and Ken advised that the Deacons moved to the church to affirm their relationship with CABF. There was unanimous support from the Deacons for the church to join CABF.

June 5th, CABF President, Dan Gibson attended, (by invitation) an information meeting for the congregation of Wolfville Baptist Church. This meeting was chaired by Tim McFarland. Dan did an excellent presentation, sharing information about CABF; including the early relationship between Wolfville Baptist Church and CABF. Some discussion followed and then Dan removed himself from the meeting. Roger then discussed the benefits of Wolfville Baptist Church becoming a member of CABF.

There was disagreement among some members of the congregation regarding the church joining CABF. A meeting is planned for June 26th, for the congregation to open this discussion about joining CABF, and then for the congregation to vote on possible membership with CABF.

David thanked both Roger and Ken for their support for CABF during the meeting!

NO ACTION AT this time.

2) Nominations for Council

Jeff was reminded that terms for the majority of our Council is up this September.

Jeff will begin work on nominations/selections.

ACTION: as noted, Jeff will proceed.

3) The Bulletin

Roger has agreed to produce the fall edition of The Bulletin.

This time, The Bulletin will be issued in early September, so that the membership will be reminded of the fall meeting and the recommended changes to the By Laws.

David will use the existing mailing list and the email addresses to distribute The Bulletin. Realizing the cost of mailing The Bulletin, this edition will be either mailed via Canada Post or emailed (using addresses that David has on file).

Articles should be sent to Roger by July 31st.

A tribute to Dan will be included in this edition; the recommended revisions to our By Laws and the document on accreditation, (prepared by the Credentials Committee) will also be included.

THANKS very much Roger!

4) **Much thanks to Jeff** for his hospitality and the super lunch he provided at the end of this meeting. We could not have found better food, service and fellowship anywhere!
THANKS so much Jeff!

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Next meeting date: August 27th at the residence of John Tonks.
John will forward directions.

Lunch