

**Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)**

Council Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2015

(Port Williams United Baptist Church)

**Attendees:**

David Ogilvie, Cynthia Ogilvie, Roger Prentice, John Boyd, John Churchill, David Allen  
Marianne Thomas, Marilyn Peers, Kim Sweet, Jenny Csinos

**Regrets:** John Tonks and Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

**Agenda**

Opening Prayer

1. Appoint a Secretary
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from April 28, 2015
4. The Rushton Lecture and Luncheon
5. Fall Assembly
6. Reports
7. New Business
8. Set date for next meeting
9. Adjourn for lunch

Because John Tonks was unable to attend, he asked Dave Ogilvie to chair the meeting.  
Roger Prentice opened the meeting with prayer at 10:12 am.

**Appoint a Secretary:** Cynthia agreed to take the minutes in Lee's absence.

**Approval of Agenda:** The revised agenda was approved. (Addition of "Nominating Committee" to New Business.)

**Minutes from April 28, 2015:** Corrections required in minutes of April 28...

Item #4 should read, "Revisions to the By-Laws – John Churchill". Also, the first sentence should read, "John Churchill lead the Council through the revisions he prepared related to the sections of the By-Laws concerning the Credentials Committee and to the Index of the By-Laws."

Item #7, second paragraph, should read, "John Boyd will invite Ken Myers from Alliance and Jenny and Dave Csinos from FBC, Halifax to be our guest speakers."

Under New Business, the paragraph beginning with "Hugh commented on how Oakville Baptist church ministers..." should read, "Hugh commented on how the Baptist church in Oakville ministers..."

Following these changes, the minutes were approved.

**The Rushton Lecture and Luncheon:** Kim reported the following:

- Registration – Kim Sweet and Cynthia Ogilvie
- Caterer - The Privet House from Wolfville
- Welcome and Hospitality – Dave Ogilvie
- Organist - Bob Rushton
- Introduce speaker – Ed Colquhoun?
- Speaker – John Boyd
- Thank speaker – Marilyn Peers
- Q & A facilitator – Dave Ogilvie
- Lunch and program facilitator – John Churchill
- Grace – Carol Anne Janzen?
- President's remarks and Memorial recognition – John Tonks
- Remembering our Pioneer, Charlie Taylor – John Tonks
- Business meeting – John Tonks
- Credentials – John Churchill
- Benediction – Roger Prentice

The opening and program will be held in the Sanctuary. Dave will acknowledge the Rushton family. The luncheon and business meeting will be held in Lockwood Hall. We will try to put together a list for the Memorial recognition but will also leave some time for others to share names.

**Fall Assembly:** October 2 & 3, 2015 in Falmouth, NS

- Speaker confirmed – Jenny Csinos
- Speakers not yet confirmed – Dave Csinos and Ken Myers
- Topic – “Faith Development” for children, youth, adults
- We will provide time and space in the program but the structure of the presentations will be left to the discretion of the speakers.
- Friday evening will include registration at 5:30, supper at 6:00, with time for fellowship and communion (details to be determined)
- Saturday will begin at 9:30 with lunch at 12:30 and our Annual General Meeting at 1:30 (Some of these times may be adjusted)

## **REPORTS**

**Financial Report:** Cynthia Ogilvie

A financial update was distributed. Cheques were approved for \$25.00 to Atlantic Ecumenical Council, \$99.82 to Cynthia for stamps, and \$500.00 to Roger for the Bulletin Honorarium. Roger has requested that he not be given an honorarium in the future. We will continue to put it in the budget.

**Moved** by David Allen that we cease to pay the Bulletin honorarium until further notice. Seconded by Marianne Thomas. Carried.

**Credentials Committee:** Roger Prentice

An item of business, which gained unanimous support, arose from the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of this committee.

**Moved** by Roger Prentice that we grant Jenny Csinos a CABF License to Minister. Seconded by John Churchill. Carried.

Roger also reported that CABF has had a request from First Baptist Church, Halifax, to help facilitate the ordination of Jenny Csinos. This is very exciting for us, since Jenny will be our first candidate for ordination.

John Churchill, on behalf of the Credentials Committee, distributed copies of the proposed changes to the "1.8 Authorization to Conduct Marriages" document. It shows the document that is on the website now, the proposed revised document, and the amendments that are to be voted on during the business meeting at the Rushton Lecture and Luncheon.

**The Bulletin:** Roger Prentice

The May Bulletin has been mailed and Roger is working on the next edition. He has extra copies if anyone is in need of more.

**Website:** John Churchill

In looking to the future, John would like to give the website a new "look" at some point. Also, when updates are made to the website, John would like a way to let people know about the changes. We did a little brainstorming...

- Perhaps a notice could go out through the contacts that David Allen has.
- We cannot send out bulk email unless we have a way for people to "unsubscribe".
- We have to be careful how we use private information.
- Perhaps a tag could be added on the bottom of the email which would enable people to email us back if they don't want to be contacted in the future.
- Facebook is also an option.

**Question...do we need a subcommittee to draft a "communications policy"?**

**Put on the agenda for our next meeting.**

**Canadian Council of Churches (CCC):** No report

**Membership:** David Allen

- David has access to reports that will help us track members from year to year - for example, to see if someone was a member in 2014 and not yet a member in 2015, or vice versa. Up to this point in 2015, we have 21 new members.
- David emails past members to remind them to update their memberships.
- The treasurer sends out letters thanking people for membership payments and/or donations.
- We have a church list, but it needs to be updated and we would like to acquire as many email addresses as possible.

**Put on the agenda for our next meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Standardized Meeting Agenda:** David Allen

- David circulated a draft of what our standard agenda would look like.
- It would help the secretary in the taking of minutes.
- Meetings would flow in the same format each month.
- We would ask the secretary to have this prepared for our meetings since people often send her the agenda items.

- Under "Reports" in the agenda, we would add "Partners" which would include reports from Alliance, CCC, Peace Fellowship, and any other partners we have.
- David will send Lee a copy of the agenda draft electronically.

**Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America:** Dave Ogilvie

Dave informed us that he is no longer on the Board of the Peace Fellowship, so he will not be able to bring us updates from their meetings.

**Nominating Committee:** Dave Ogilvie

- Dave Ogilvie
- John Tonks
- John Boyd
- Since there are no women on this committee at this point, just past presidents and current president, a call will go out at the Rushton Lecture to see if there is any interest from anyone there to go on this committee.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015** at the Acadia Chapel Library at 10:00am.

Dave declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.