

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Council Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2015
Port Williams United Baptist Church

Attendees:

Cynthia Ogilvie	Roger Prentice	John Tonks
John Boyd	John Churchill	Marilyn Peers
Kim Sweet	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo	David Ogilvie

Regrets: David Allen

Agenda

1. **Meeting** called to order by President, John Tonks at 10:12 am. John Boyd opened the meeting in prayer.
2. Addendum to & Approval of Agenda – Everyone accepted agenda as presented.
3. Approval of the Minutes of August 11 , 2015

Lee Nicholas-Pattillo moved the minutes accepted as presented. **Second** by John Churchill. **Carried.**

4. Business Arising – none.
5. Correspondence

Cynthia advised CRA granted our name changed! This means we also have a new # from CRA. Also, need to send CRA names of our officers. Cynthia suggested that we wait until after our AGM where we will have an opportunity to review who our new officers will be.

Also, Cynthia advised that AEC is returning the cheque we had sent them. (This Council has been dissolved.)

6. a) **Treasurer's Report** – Cynthia provided a draft of the recommended budget that will be presented at the AGM. Line 16 *Delegate Expenses* and Line 17 *Fees & Dues* were both revised; Line 16 increased to \$3,000 and Line 17 increased to \$1,500. See Attachment #1. **Moved by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo and second by David Ogilvie. Carried.**

b) Financial/Budget Report The CABF Financial Summaries (2015 AGM) There was a question about the expense line '*Rushton Fund Annual Balance \$758.24*' was questioned. No one could provide a clear explanation. John Churchill will check this out with David Allen. See Attachment #2.

John Churchill will communicate these changes to David Allen. **ACTION:** as noted for John Churchill.

c) **Membership** – no report.

d) **The Bulletin** - Roger advised 6 Bulletins were returned in the mail. He has received at least 6 complements on the recent edition. Terry Dempsey (in Ontario) has been approached to write an article for the next edition. For the January edition, the end of November is the deadline.

e) **Credentials Committee Report** – Roger stated his satisfaction with the Ordination Council on Saturday, September 19th. All went very well. Questioning of the candidate went on for approximately 60 minutes – in a very professional manner.

Two suggestions from David (Ogilvie):

(1) The 6 Baptist members selected by CABF Council were set apart from the rest of the visitors/members. Don't feel this is necessary.

(2) There appeared to be an inability to respond to certain theological questions; for that reason, I suggest Credentials Committee consider something like a one year supervised internship as it relates to the candidate's statement.

f) **Website** – John advised he may require a new program for website updates. Programs to be considered: JOOMMLA – though John indicated it isn't easy to make changes with this program; Dream Weaver; GoDaddy are other potential programs. John Boyd indicated Wordpress is used by FBCH

and quite easy to make changes. Windix is another one – cost is approximately \$150. John Churchill suggested that he will wait until the summer of 2016 when the existing contract with the web provider is due.

ACTION: John will consider the programs suggested.

g) **Rushton Lecture** – no report.

h) **Fall Assembly/AGM** - Kim advised the cost/person is \$25 – all food included. (Great price!) Kim encouraged everyone to register. John Tonks advised Fred Demaray from The Gathering will be present and will bring greetings from The Gathering to the business meeting.

i) **Constitution/By-laws** – John Churchill advised changes will be presented at the AGM. The majority of the changes are to do with the reorganization of the articles.

j) **Partners Reports:**

1) **Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)** – David Ogilvie is interested in checking out the role and responsibilities of being the CABF representative with CCC, before making a commitment. David stated that he has some interest in being the CABF representative, however, his financial situation does not allow for him to pay expenses for travelling to CCC meetings. John Boyd explained that CABF pays dues \$500 and a portion of the total expenses for each board meeting of CCC. John (Boyd) clarified last year that CABF *'pays as it can'* when it comes to its contribution toward the board meetings. CABF paid \$561.45 in May; no one attended the May board meeting. CABF can pay the delegate's expenses rather than pay the \$1200 towards the board meeting expenses. This way, our support of our delegate is that we pay the delegate's expenses directly. **Moved** by John Boyd that a CABF representative attend CCC meetings, and the full cost of attending these meetings be paid, along with the cost of being a CCC member. **Second** by Roger Prentices. **Carried** .

2) **Peace Fellowship** – no report; no representative

3) **Alliance of Baptist** – fall meeting in Baltimore, later in October.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Fund raising** – Roger will get started on a specific fund raising project. He indicated he will require a brochure – he will take care of this. He will prepare a plan and present it soon. Roger will start the campaign and expect and search out additional committee members in the future.

b) **Nomination Report** for AGM – David Ogilvie will work on this and present a report at the AGM. David will look at Officers, and Committee Chairs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Next meeting – October 20, 2015 at FBCH, 10:00 am.