

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Council meeting minutes – **September 23, 2014**

Attendees:

Cynthia Ogilvie	John Boyd	John Tonks
David Ogilvie	Kim Sweet	Roger Prentice
Jenny Csinos	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo	

Regrets: David G. Allen, John Churchill

Agenda

Opened in prayer by John Tonks at 10:14 am

1. Minutes of August 19, 2014
2. Financial Update
3. Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)
4. Credentials Committee Update
5. Bulletin update
6. Annual Meeting: Chester, October 3 & 4, 2014

1. Minutes of August 19, 2014

Minutes of meeting accepted. **Moved** by David Ogilvie that minutes be **accepted** as presented, **seconded** by Cynthia Ogilvie. Carried.

2. Financial Update

Cynthia advised at the annual meeting she and David (Allen) will present two updates on 2013 CABF finances; one for finances for 2013 and a second update on CABF finances January to August 2014. The second update is given because our fiscal year ends in August.

Cynthia also provided a copy of the proposed 2015 budget (that will be distributed at the annual meeting). See **Attachment #1**.

It was **moved** by Cynthia that the 2013 update on CABF finances; and the update on CABF finances January to August 2014, be accepted, as presented.

Seconded by Lee (Nicholas-Pattillo). Carried.

Cynthia indicated that she had received a letter and receipts for expenses incurred by David (Ogilvie) for his participation in the Peace Camp. As noted in the minutes of the August 19th meeting, Cynthia will present this request for expenses to be paid, to the Finance Committee who has been approved to consider the request and make a decision representing the Council.

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Cynthia advised that \$1,000 has been taken from the Rushton Account and invested with Atlantic Baptist Foundation with a 3% interest rate. Everyone agreed this was a good step. **No action.**

3. Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)

Discussion on the invoice forwarded from CCC in the amount of \$406.45 took place. This invoice was for CABF's share of the expenses for the May 2014 meeting of CCC. After good discussion it was determined that we should pay the invoice. **Moved** by Roger Prentice and **seconded** by Lee that the invoice be paid.
Carried.

It was also agreed that John Boyd & John Tonks would have a telephone conversation to discuss board meeting expenses and how the expenses are incurred, with Karen Hamilton (President of CCC).

There was discussion about the importance of CABF maintaining its association and its membership with CCC. We believe this relationship and our participation with CCC will be crucial as CABF grows and develops. A mature relationship with CCC is important to our membership as well.

Also, it was discussed and agreed that John B and John T will introduce the possibility of CABF requesting financial support from First Baptist Amherst. They will have a discussion with Ed and Susan Colquhoun at the annual meeting.

Finally, it was discussed and agreed that CABF should have a representative go to the CCC fall meeting. At this time, it was agreed that John Boyd would be an ideal representative. The fall meeting is in November. John will check his availability and confirm or advise otherwise, in the near future.

ACTIONS: As noted above.

4. Credentials Committee Update

The Credentials Committee had a recent meeting. The committee has outlined the procedures for transferring credentials.

Their main project now is discussing the procedures for licencing/ordination. It is not expected that there will be a recommendation for the annual meeting (October 4, 2014). However, once the procedures are outlined, the Committee will not want to wait until the next annual meeting to have the procedures approved.

The committee recognizes that they need a framework for ordination. They are aware that current Baptist procedures require 'an intern year'. What they are not certain of, is what does that intern year look like for CABF denomination?

The Committee reported on a number of situations they are considering. As the Committee progresses with these requests they will come to Council.

David Ogilvie encouraged the Credentials Committee to continue to discern the processes with great intentionality – not feel rushed. He reminded us there are many 'firsts' for CABF; and each 'first' sets precedent. Therefore we do need to be intentional. All agreed. David outlined

his own ordination, and advised how special it was for him. **Action: Credential Committee continues its work.**

5. Bulletin update

Roger advised that he has had complements about the most recent edition of The Bulletin. Roger had additional copies of The Bulletin for distribution.

Roger also advised that our printer has been very good to us when printing of our pamphlet for the annual meeting. The printer suggested the buff coloured paper and the cost per copy was only \$0.12/copy – a super price!

Everyone agreed The Bulletin is very well authored by Roger – we thank Roger for making us look good! **No action.**

6. Annual Meeting: Chester, October 3 & 4, 2014

Kim outlined and addressed her outstanding issues related to the food requirements. She (once again) has it all in order – thank Kim!

Kim will plan food for 50 people.

All acknowledged that we will cover Vicki Brown's registration. Vicki is doing our devotional. Lee will inform Vicki of this when she speaks with Vicki this week.

John Boyd advised our guest speaker has a family concern that may mean he could arrive later than he expected; and even the possibility that he may not be able to attend. If the latter is the case, we will go to Plan B – Plan B to be developed.

Roger agreed to ensure the guest speaker gets to Chester and back.

Roger also agreed to drive our speaker to the airport on Sunday. (Thanks so much Roger.)

Lee outlined the planned agenda for the business part of the Annual Meeting – seems all the blanks are filled in.

Lee will prepare the agenda as discussed and attach the agenda to copies of the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting, for distribution to the membership at the meeting. (FBCH will print the copies.)

Lee agreed to get a card for Terry Tingley for Council members to sign. Terry is ill; however, at this time, Terry does not want to share his condition with the general public. We will respect this.

Next meeting date: November 4, 2014

Port Williams Church at 10:00 am.