

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)  
Council Minutes  
April 25, 2013

**Attendees:**

Dan Gibson	John Churchill	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo	Jeff White
David Ogilvie	Roger Prentice	John Boyd	

**Regrets:** John Tonks, Kim Sweet and Cynthia Ogilvie  
**Guest:** Deacon Ken Eavis, from Wolfville Baptist Church

**AGENDA:**

1. Rushton Lecture Luncheon update
2. Fall Meeting
3. Credentials Report
4. Financial Report
5. By-Laws

Meeting opened in prayer by Dan Gibson at 10:15 am.

1. Rushton Lecture Luncheon update

Dan expressed thanks to David (Ogilvie) for the preparation and distribution of the letter prepared to announce the Rushton Lecture luncheon with our guest speaker Dr. David Jordan.

- 280 of these letters were mailed to individuals
- 50 letters were sent to churches
- The cost for printing and mailing is approximately \$600.
- A few of the mailed letters were returned. David and Dan will be sure to make the necessary address changes to keep our mailing list up-to-date.
- An email version of the letter will be forwarded to all the email addresses on file, as a follow-up/reminder
- 25 people have registered for the luncheon at this time
- David (Ogilvie) has been in contact with guest speaker Dr. Jordan. Dr. Jordan has his plans made for travel. He and his wife plan to stay in Nova Scotia for a few days following the luncheon.
- Friday night at the **Blomidon** Inn will be paid by CABF; and Saturday's night stay will be paid by Port Williams church.
- Honorarium will be \$250.
- Air travel \$500 paid for by CABF (this was paid recently)
- Roger & Kim will put an agenda together for the day's events
- The agenda and the menu will be printed and placed at each table sitting
- Bob Rushton has agreed to play the organ; no prelude or postlude is required; music will be decided on by Roger and Kim, in consultation with Bob.

- Kim and Cynthia will do registration; they will also have our membership list and will make attempts to renew memberships
- Agenda indicates the event will start at 11:00 am
- Roger and Kim will meet with Tim at the chapel to finalize things (menu and catering requirements at the chapel to be decided)
- For the business part of the luncheon: The revisions to the by-laws will be printed in the upcoming edition of The Bulletin. Therefore, Dan will have copies of The Bulletin available for those who may require them. This is will save on printing as well; it will ensure the most recent revisions are accessible to everyone.

It appears things are in order - and ready.

**ACTION:** as noted in the record above.

## 2. Fall Meeting - CABF Annual Meeting

**Location** for the Fall meeting is Port Williams United Baptist Church.

**Dates** Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28

**Guest Speaker** will be RCAF, Principal Chaplain Barb Putnam

In addition to a presentation done by Barb alone, a panel discussion is planned.

Panel to include:

- A hospital Chaplain (suggested Rev. Adele Crowell)
- A Prison Chaplain (suggested John Tonks)
- A nursing home Chaplain (suggested Rev. Renee Clark)
- A university Chaplain (suggested John Dalton)

John Boyd will make the necessary contacts for the panel members.

Devotional for Saturday morning: suggested names include: Mark Parent, Mark Shaw, and Sarah Duffy. John will make the necessary contact to determine the devotional speaker.

John will also prepare an information bulletin in time to have it available for the Rushton Lecture luncheon.

- The cost for the entire week-end should be \$35 or \$40.
- \$35 would be for early registration and would include the Friday evening meal, snake for Saturday and lunch on Saturday.
- \$40 would be for registrations received beyond the date set as 'early registration'
- \$40 would also include the Friday evening meal, snake for Saturday and lunch on Saturday.
- The design and final structure for displaying the cost will be left to John's discretion and creativity

**ACTION:** as noted in the points above

### 3. Credentials Reports

#### **Item #1 of 3:**

Roger informed the Council the Committee has met and continues to meet regularly. An updated document, including standards for practising and ethical standards has been prepared. The document for CABF has been modeled off the standards of the United church. Legal needs to review this document. Also, the document needs to be proof read. Roger indicated that the document should be re-written by a single person, so there is continuity in the writing style.

Roger indicated that the entire revised credentials document will not be ready to be included in The Bulletin, or for distribution at the Rushton luncheon. John (Churchill) indicated that Article 55.2, the grandfather clause, should be included in the revisions that will be printed in The Bulletin.

Following discussion, Roger and John agreed that the suggested revision for Article 55.2 will be included in The Bulletin, and for distribution at the Rushton luncheon with the understanding that because what is being presented in The Bulletin is a 'notice of motion' for the Fall Annual meeting, minor changes can still be made to the notice of motion between the time the notice of motion is given and the motion is made at the Fall Annual meeting.

Roger will send the full credentials document to John for his review. John will use only the language pertaining to Article 55.2 for the notice of motion that will be recorded in The Bulletin (and for distribution at the Rushton luncheon).

The 'clergy covenant' is prepared and appears ready; however, before it is printed and distributed to anyone, Roger would like to have full discussion with the Committee and with the Council. At this time, the covenant will not be distributed.

**ACTION:** as noted

#### **Item #2 of 3**

Lee informed Council that the application for a temporary licence for Rev. Dr. Paul Dekar to solemnize marriage in Nova Scotia has been accepted and approved. Rev. Dr. Paul Dekar would have received notification of this approval as did Lee. The letter authorizing this approval will be filed in Rev Dekar's personal file with CABF.  
**NO ACTION required**

#### **Item #3 of 3**

Dan made a request on behalf of David Taylor.

- David lost his credentials many years ago
- He has been divorced and is re-established in another relationship

- He inquired with CABC as to what he would have to do to regain his credentials.
- He was informed he would have to go through the formal process of credentialing a minister (i.e. a 2 year process).
- David refused to do the 2 year process and the program requested by CABC.
- He wanted to know what would be required of him if he was to be credentialed by CABF.
- It was stated David would have to start from scratch.
- In order to fairly assess David's situation, a committee would have to be established to investigate the past concern(s) and determine exactly what David would need to do to be credentialed by CABF. The committee would want to consult with David to get an understanding of how the situation was reconciled.
- The investigation and determination of what would be required is necessary in order to maintain the integrity of the credentialing process of CABF.
- David does have a M.Div and advanced training in clinical and has previously fulfilled all the educational requirements.
- Dan stated he felt that David would understand the need for David to meet with a committee to do an investigation - and then proceed as determined necessary by the committee's decision.
- Dan will report back to David.

**NO ACTION by Council at this time.**

#### 4. Financial Report

Attachment #1 prepared by Cynthia and presented by David (Ogilvie).

Note: \$547.11 was payment for air fare for Dr. David Jordan (guest speaker for Rushton Lecture luncheon).

**John Boyd moved** the report be accepted as presented.

**Roger Prentice** seconded

**Carried** unanimously.

David advised that Cynthia and John (Churchill) are still working on requests from CRA regarding the money CABF sent to Cuba back in 2012. Gary Nelson has been very helpful in assisting with the necessary information that should be provided to CRA. CABF still is not recognized as having charitable status; the charitable status remains with ABF. The incorporation of CABF has not (at this time) been recognized by CRA. Therefore, receipts for contributions are being sent from ABF.

It was suggested that should further requests come from CRA about this, the response should include the fact that we sent the money via what we thought was the most appropriate way at the time.

Now we are aware there is an established process being used by CBM. Should the need arise in the future for CABF to send money to Cuba; we would do so in consultation with CBM and the process they use.  
Cynthia and John will continue their work with CRA and will keep Council informed.  
**NO ACTION** required.

#### 5. By-Laws

As noted in the agenda items in these minutes related to the Rushton Lecture luncheon, the revisions to the by-laws will be printed in The Bulletin and copies of The Bulletin will be available at the luncheon. Also, John (Churchill) will post the revisions on our website.

**ACTION:** John Churchill post revised by-laws on website.

#### Additional information:

#### 6. Update from Paul Burden

David advised he has not heard officially from Paul. However, he is aware that Paul has done work on his offer to investigate potential medical coverage for CABF.

Update to come.

#### 7. Report from Alliance Gathering

Lee thanked everyone for their agreement/support on \$600 toward expenses for her travel to participate in the Gathering of Alliance of Baptists in South Carolina earlier in April.

Attachment #2 is her report from her participation. This report will be printed in the next edition of The Bulletin.

**NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**RE:** Meeting dates - Council was asked to consider scheduling meetings on Tuesdays. Thursday is not a good day for Cynthia.  
Tuesday is not good for Jeff. However, Jeff noted that he may be able to arrive late.

**Next meeting date: June 18, 2013**

**Windsor** - to be confirmed whether at the church or at Jeff's home.