

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Council Meeting **Minutes – February 28, 2017**
(Location: Port Williams Church)

In attendance: John Tonks, John Churchill, Rick Manuel, David Allen, Roger Prentice, Hugh Kirkeggard, and Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Absent: none

Agenda:

1. **Called to Order** at 10:11 am, opened in prayer, by Chair, John Tonks.

2. Addendums to and Approval Agenda

Today's Agenda:

1. John Tonks article from Nicholas Jesson

2. Rick Manuel topic

3. **Approval of the Minutes of January 17, 2017**

Corrected spelling of Hugh's name – from 'Huge' to 'Hugh'.

John Churchill moved the January 17, 2017 minutes be accepted as presented with the correction noted. **Second by Roger Prentice. Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Teleconferencing update

David Allen's update - checked with Bell Aliant, costs are \$0.25/minute /participant; Calculation for a one hour meeting would be \$150. A little expensive. It was suggested another option is 'Join Me' video conference. \$13/month for 50 participants said Rick. Hugh advised he has participated with 'One Box Conference Centre' – its 800 # for across Canada conference call.

ACTION: Hugh said he will check and provide info to David.

Members at large

Lee advised she had conversation with Jenny Csinos and at this time, Jenny is unable to accept. Jenny suggested that perhaps when FBCH has a permanent new senior Minister she may be able to reconsider.

John Churchill advised Harriet McCready unable to accept as well.

Confirmed Hugh for 3 years. Confirmed Darcey will not be asked as she is attending a United Church.

The current membership list was reviewed. **Names noted:** Adam Boyd, Carol Buckley, Rene Clarke, Pam Esty, Adel Crowell, Naomi Nonnekes, Alberta Morgan, Hedley Hopkins, Joao Mateswana, Paul LeFlesh, and Donna Darrell.

It was agreed Lee would approach Pam Esty, Naomi, and Alberta.

Hugh would approach with Donna Darrell and John (Churchill) will approach Joao.

John Boyd's proposal

Concerns expressed were: (1) if we advertise a proposal, we are laying out the process for *the* world and how would we deal with the response from too many people. The disadvantageous outlined: (1) perceptions (2) it may appear that folks in an 'inner circle' get advantageous. This was announced at our AGM and there was no discussion about paying expenses. We will not assign delegates at this time, because assigning delegates at this point goes outside the interpretation of having delegates (for CCC and Alliance). After discussion, we came to the decision that we would not accept the proposal at this time. (Many thanks to John for his thoughtfulness on this.)

5. Correspondence

John continues his email exchanges with Milt.

6. Reports

a) Treasurer's Report

David sent his report before the meeting. See **Attachment #1**.

Good surplus so was considering putting \$5,000 as investment with Baptist Foundation. Based on discussion at this time, (See Item 8 in these minutes) will hold off on doing so. Ed Colquhoun still has not forwarded his expenses for his attendance at the CCC meeting. This of course distorts our financial view.

(Perhaps Mr. President can call Ed and discuss. Someone needs to advise him.)

Have received \$1,297.32 back from HST! Have another report to send; however, will wait until the forms are sent to the government changing names of Directors.

David moved the report be accepted as presented. **Seconded by Lee**. Carried.

ACTION: Lee will send and advise.

b) Financial/Budget Report

No report.

c) Membership

CABF has 24 paid memberships.

d) The Bulletin

Roger advised the newest edition distributed. **NO ACTION.**

e) Credentials Committee

Meetings continue and work on process documents continue as well. Committee meeting after this Council meeting. **NO ACTION**

f) Website

John Churchill continues to keep our website up to date. Thank you John!

NO ACTION

g) Rushton Lecture

See 'New Business' in these minutes.

h) Fall Assembly & AGM

January 15, 2017, Lee received the notes from Hugu (Kirkegaard) for the Fall Assembly of September 2016. Minutes need to be organized around these notes.

ACTION: Lee will do.

i) Constitution/By-laws

No report.

j) Partners' Reports:

1) **CCC** - No report.

2) **Peace Development** – No report and no representative.

3) **Alliance of Baptist** – No report.

7. New Business

Today's Agenda:

1. Baptist Foundation

John Churchill educated us that the Directors of the Foundation have provided a notice of motion that they want to be able to revise their by-laws without taking proposed changes to the membership. **NO ACTION.**

2. Rushton Lecture – June 3, 2017 - Confirmed the location is Port William's church. **Speaker:** Adam Snook as recommended by Rick.

Rick requested permission for someone from senior staff of CPJ, who will be attending with Mr. Snook, to be able address the CABF membership – just for a few minutes. It was agreed this could take place. (Lee noted that we need to be sure to add this into the agenda for the Rushton Lecture.)

Congratulations to Rick on becoming a Board Member for CPJ!

8. Information Items

The majority of the topics listed below have been deferred since the January meeting:

Topics deferred to March meeting and not addressed at January meeting

1. **College & Careers** (John Churchill) – revisit this because this wasn't discussed.
2. **Meeting with** – Brantford Church – should we have one before going to *The Gathering* in April?
3. **Strategic Plan** – deferred to March 2017 meeting.
4. **Pamphlet** – describing CABF + its goals and objectives + theological context + other information, is something we should consider preparing for distribution. (Deferred to January 2017 meeting.)
5. **Added at the February meeting:** Need to determine agenda and location for Fall Assembly.
6. **Address article** John Tonks wanted to talk about from Nicholas Jesson.

9. Adjournment: approximately 12:18 pm.

Next meeting date: March 30, 2017 at 10:00 am

Location: FBCH