

**Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)**  
Council Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2016  
(Port Williams United Baptist Church)

**Attendees:**

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| David Ogilvie  | Cynthia Ogilvie | Roger Prentice |
| John Churchill | David Allen     |                |

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

**Agenda**

Opening Prayer

1. Appoint a Secretary
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from January 12, 2016
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Reports
7. The Rushton Lecture and Luncheon
8. Fall Assembly and CCC
9. Set date for next meeting
10. Adjourn for lunch

Because John Tonks was unable to attend, Dave Ogilvie agreed to take on the Chair responsibility. Dave opened the meeting with prayer at 10:10 am.

**Appoint a Secretary:** Cynthia agreed to take the minutes.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved. Moved by David Allen.

**Minutes from January 12, 2016:** Corrections were required in section 6c: the discussion surrounding First Baptist Church, Brantford being “applicants”, not “members”. Membership will be voted on at the Rushton Lecture in June. Dave made all the corrections to the minutes and then distributed the revised minutes to everyone. Minutes were approved as revised.

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Roger brought forward the idea of inviting someone from FBC Brantford to come to the Rushton Lecture or at least exploring the idea of a video link or skype so we might feel some connection with the church.

**Correspondence:** Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches (CABC) has filed a Notice of Motion to change their name to “Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada” (CBAC) so it will align with Canadian Baptists of Western Canada and Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec.

Paul Tingley has informed us that Bayside United Baptist Church is now known as “Bayside Baptist Church”.

## **REPORTS**

**Financial Report:** Cynthia Ogilvie

A financial update was distributed. Cynthia moved the report be accepted, David Allen seconded. Carried.

**Budget:** David Allen

No report at this time.

**Membership:** David Allen

David distributed very interesting stats for membership, retention, and donations from 2013, 2014, and 2015. He also prepared an email notice to send out to members from last year to encourage them to renew their memberships this year. He will send out the emails in the next few days. John Churchill asked about ways to make it easier for people to donate to CABF, for example, Canada

Helps. However, we realized that memberships could not be registered – only donations can be made through Canada Helps. John will investigate further.

**Credentials Committee:** Roger Prentice

The committee will be meeting this afternoon at Port Williams UBC. There are two individuals who are in process at this time. Dave Ogilvie is meeting in the next few days with two pastors who are interested in finding out more about ordination through CABF. If indicated, he will direct them to the Credentials Committee.

**The Bulletin:** Roger Prentice

There has been much positive response to the January edition of the Bulletin. The deadline for the May Bulletin will be the end of March.

**Website:** John Churchill

No report at this time. John continues to work on it.

**The Rushton Lecture and Luncheon:** Dave Ogilvie

The event will be held at Port Williams UBC. People seemed quite pleased with the change in venue last year. Ed Colquhoun will be our speaker and the topic will be “Searching for Faithful Adult Learning” – adult education in our churches. Dave is putting the program together and will advertise through the Bulletin and on the website. Privet House Restaurant will cater again this year – Kim is looking after this. Terry Tingley will be honoured and Dan Gibson will be given a Life Membership to CABF. The business section will comprise of the acceptance of FBC, Brantford as a member in CABF, an Accreditation Certificate will be presented to Jeff Hossick, and there will be two Notices of Motion regarding minor constitutional changes.

Times for the Rushton Lecture have been changed by half an hour: Registration at 10:00 am, Lecture at 10:30 am, Lunch at 12:00. Also, the fee for the Luncheon is being changed from \$20.00 to \$25.00 to reflect the rising costs of food. That information will be in the Bulletin for May.

**Fall Assembly & CCC:** Dave Ogilvie

Dave asked that these two events be discussed together. The CCC is meeting again May 18-20 in Ottawa. Both fall and spring meetings are governing board meetings. Does the council approve Dave going to both meetings during the year as the cost is around \$1000. Roger is supportive of Dave going to both meetings if Dave would be interested in doing so. Dave will get the agenda for the meeting soon and he will determine his availability. The new president of CCC is Alyson Barnett-Cowan and her goal is to meet with each group and meet their leadership. Two of the topics that she is interested in discussing is Physician assisted dying and the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. There is an educational component in this report. The thought is....might we invite her to our Fall Assembly to explore one of these topics with us – not necessarily to lead the discussion but to have her involved in some way. More discussion to come.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016** in Port Williams at 10:00am.

Roger moved we adjourn our meeting. All in favour. Carried.  
Roger closed in prayer.