



*Promoting Historic Baptist
Traditions and Freedoms*

Minutes
CABF Council Meeting
May 4, 2022
9:30 a.m.
(Via Zoom)

Present: Marlene Knowles, President; Don Flowers, Vice President; Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, Past President; David Allen, Joyce Allen, John Boyd, Susan Colquhoun, Rusty Edwards, Dave Gibson, Hugh Kirkegaard, Bert Radford

Regrets: Sheila Stanley, CarolAnne Janzen, Dan Green, Jeff White

Absent: Martin Roy, Scott Kindred-Barnes

1. **Open with Prayer** by Don Flowers.
2. **Approval of Agenda: Moved by Don Flowers, seconded by David Allen. Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
The minutes of April 6, 2022, meeting as **presented was moved by Don Flowers, seconded by Rusty Edwards. Motion Carried.**
4. **Business Arising – Proposed change for CABF Fiscal year:** No motion was made at the previous meeting. After much discussion at the April meeting, it was suggested the fiscal year end date be changed July 31st. David Gibson and David Allen educated Council that to change our fiscal year, there were a few steps. First, permission to change the year end date is asked of CRA. Once permission from CRA is received the next step is then to advise Registrar of Joint Stock of the new year end date accepted by CRA. Once Registrar of Joint Stock acknowledges the request, then a motion to change the CABF year end date is made at CABF Council meeting.
Today's motion is that David Allen be given permission to contact CRA, on behalf of CABF, to request a fiscal year end date be changed to July 31. Moved by Hugh Kirkegaard, seconded by David Gibson. Motion Carried.

5. **Correspondence** - There was no correspondence to report.

6. **Treasurer's Report – David Allen**

David Allen sent his report prior to the meeting.

David pointed out there is still a 'payable 'due as soon as the contract is completed. This is shown in red on David's report.

David Allen moved and John Boyd seconded acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried

7. **Standing Reports**

(A) Proclaiming: Telling Our Story

(1) Publications Committee and Bulletin

Reminder: A Chair for this Committee is required.

The Bulletin: Scott was absent. No report presented.

(Due to another commitment, Rusty spoke to the report of the Credentials Committee at this point. Details are recorded under that item on the agenda.)

(2) Website Committee: John Boyd

John had circulated his report prior to the meeting. John (Boyd) advised one can register for the Anniversary celebration on our website. The ability to renew membership is being worked on.

John Boyd moved, and David Allen seconded, the report be accepted. Motion Carried

(3) Support Committee: Hugh Kirkegaard

Hugh reported that the Committee has not met since the April meeting.

Hugh will be meeting with Sobaz this coming Monday, (May 8th) about another matter and he will address the outstanding requirement from Sobaz. Hugh will advise Sobaz to 'give us what he has. '

Action: Hugh.

(B) Convening for the purpose of fellowship and growth in the Freedoms

(1) Program Committee: Jeff White

Jeff was absent. Lee shared update on Rushton Lecture planned for October 2022:

- Guest speakers are Rev. Rick Gunn and Tamsin, both representatives from Queer Church
- They will share information about how to demonstrate more inclusive language, + how to present ourselves as being more inclusive.
- Intent is that the presentations will be informative and educational.
- Rick and Tamsin are willing to present our devotional + hymns.
- Rev. Rick is well known by the Churchill family.
- Lee advised that she has heard them both speak and was impressed by them.

Action: Program Committee

(2) Anniversary Committee: David Allen

David advised Council that things are going well.

John Boyd and Scott are working on the service that Roger had written.

The service will take place on Friday, June 3 @ 4 pm.

Names are being assigned to various tasks.

David asked for input on listing of CABF 'founders':

- David displayed a list of the names he had prepared.
- Discussion followed about how a 'founder' is defined and who among the names listed is a 'founder'.
- David indicated we wanted to light a candle for the founders. Scott is now able to access the achieves at Acadia. He may be able to add support here.
- At end of discussion, David advised he would prefer to name the list "Honor List." This will support folks who have been helpful in establishing CABF – folks living and passed.

David also advised links will be sent 48 hours before the event, to those who register.

Moved by Susan Colquhoun and seconded by Joyce Allen that the report be accepted. Motion Carried

(3) Partners (Representatives Reports):

(1) CCC, Bert Radford:

- Bert advised he will be attending (in person) the Governing Board meeting the end of this month.
- Bert thanked John Boyd for forwarding an article from the *Halifax Examiner* that criticized Project Ploughshares for doing an interview with a company that is planning to build a space station in Cape Breton. The Examiner felt the interview promoted the project even though there are serious flaws in it. John also referred this article to Peter Noteboom at CCC.
- Bert also informed us that Dr. Rita Deverell (who was a member of FBCH along with her husband Rex) has been appointed as Chancellor of Lakehead University, Thunder Bay. Rita taught at the Orillia campus of Lakehead.
- Rita will also receive a Governor General's award for Achievement in the Arts. Rita was one of the founders of Vision TV, has written several plays and acted in various venues across the country.

No action required.

(2) Alliance of Baptists – Rusty Edwards

No report.

(3) President's Report

Circulated prior to the meeting.

C. **Supporting** one another as we live out our vision and mission.

(1) Finance/Budget: Dan Green

No report.

(2) Membership: Joyce Allen

Joyce circulated her report prior to the meeting. **Joyce moved, and John Boyd seconded, acceptance of her report. Motion Carried**

(3) Credentials Committee: Rusty Edwards

Rusty advised he had contact from a Chaplain in Ontario. This Chaplain was referred by John Boyd. The Chaplain shared with Rusty that he will be attending a meeting where he thinks there will be discussion about military Chaplains becoming affirming. He suggests it may be that Chaplains may have to become affirming, (to remain a federal employee). This Chaplain reached out because he wanted to learn more about CABF. **Action Item – Rusty to advise.**

(4) Constitution and Governance: Dave Gibson

No report. David (Gibson) advised that CABF By-Laws will be updated to reflect amendments from Credentials Committee, also when CABF 's fiscal year is changed. David asked if anyone recognizes other amendments to please advise him. **Action: David Gibson, as required.**

8. New Business

(1) Future Council Meetings: minimum 4/year.

Presently Council has been meeting the first Wednesday of each month. Marlene asks if this is necessary. David Allen had prepared and shared a couple of potential meeting scenarios addressing when Council and/or Executive could meet. After some discussion, David's second scenario – with modifications was accepted. Following is **the agreed yearly meeting schedule adopted:**

January	Council
February	Executive
March	Council
April	Executive
May	Council
June	Assembly (Rushton)
July	Executive
August	Executive
September	Council
October	Assembly (AGM)
November	Council
December	Executive

Notes: (1) July and/August meetings could be cancelled; depending on decision of Executive.

(2) Special meetings could be added, as determined by Executive/Council.

(3) This schedule is effective immediately.

Moved by Lee and seconded by David Gibson. Motion Carried.

(2) Dialogue with The Gathering

Marlene advised that two times this past month, she has heard from others about the potential of CABF dialoguing with The Gathering. Discussion followed.

- The goal of the dialogue would be to share common issues; share requests about licenses for marriage – to name a few.
- Approximately 6 years ago, when CABF and The Gathering met, The Gathering thought that CABF was ‘too organized’.
- Both groups were clear that one did not want to be absorbed by the other
- It was acknowledged that The Gathering has good programming.
- It appears The Gathering came to realize they needed to be more organized than they were; and they are becoming more organized.
- The Gathering has a new tag line – **“a place to call home”**
- It was suggested that CABF finish their processes and changes for things like our fiscal year - and THEN approach The Gathering.
- Presently it appears that churches out west are choosing CABF, this could change as The Gathering grows and develops
- CABF desires to remain friendly and open to The Gathering.
- CABF wants to continue to work with The Gathering on occasions where a Minister requires a temporary license in Ontario and vice versa where a Minister from Ontario requires a temporary license in the Maritimes.
- Once CABF has their work done, a hope is that we might be able to have a joint meeting (again) with The Gathering.
- It was suggested that our new President could send a letter to The Gathering, introducing herself; stating where we are in our development; our desires to remain open, friendly, and willing to assist ministers where we can and our potential desires for the future with The Gathering.
- David Allen advised that he attended The Gathering’s most recent meeting. At the business meeting it was addressed that The Gathering is going from province-to-province requesting permission to conduct marriages. It appears that although they are ‘federally incorporated,’ they must still obtain provincial permission to conduct marriages in each province. In doing this, The Gathering must register their organization + list the people/ministers who they want to be able to perform marriages for them + they must provide the name of their contact person in each province.
- Don encouraged CABF to work with The Gathering. Don hoped that rather than end up like US Baptists did, where there are three weak organizations, that CABF and The Gathering could join forces in the future. Don also suggested that CABF should start to consider where CABF churches will get new Pastors. CABF needs to build pipelines. 😊

ACTION: President Marlene will prepare and forward a letter as suggested.

(3) Search for new Secretary

Lee advised she has made several contacts, within Council and outside Council, in search of a new Secretary. She stated she has prepared a brief job profile on the duties of this position. She asked

Council's permission to send the profile to our member churches asking them to insert this profile in their Sunday Bulletins for the next couple of weeks.

It was suggested that we could do the same for the Chair of the Publications position. Lee advised she will attempt to get this done in time to send to the churches.

ACTION: Lee proceed in sending profile to member churches.

9. Information Items

This is **Don Flowers'** last meeting with us. 😞

President Marlene expressed the thoughts of Council: THANK YOU Don for all you have done with CABF; for the pleasures you brought us and the work you have done. **YOU will be missed!** All the best in your travels home; stay in touch – and don't forget to pay your membership – in American funds (says our Treasurer!).

Don thanked everyone at CABF for all the experiences we have shared. Don said he would miss us as well. Wished CABF all the best.

10. Adjournment:

11:36 am – **David Allen moved meeting adjourn and seconded by David Gibson. Motion Carried.**

11. Next Council Meeting: September 7, 2022, via Zoom