

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)  
Council Minutes for meeting – **March 4, 2014**

**Attendees:**

Roger Prentice	David G. Allen	John Tonks
Cynthia Ogilvie	John Boyd	Jeff White
John Churchill	Marianne Thomas-Tupper	
David Ogilvie	Kim Sweet	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

**Regrets:** Dan Gibson (hospitalized)

**Agenda**

1. review of minutes from January 14 , 2014
2. Fall Assembly at Chester - October 3 & 4, 2014
3. Rushton Lecture – June 7, 2014
4. Credentials update
5. Bulletin
6. Financial Update
7. AEC update
8. Motion for new Council Member
9. Demonstration by David Allen on system

**Opening Prayer** - Opened in prayer at 10:10 am by Rev. John Tonks.

1. Review of minutes from our meeting of January 14, 2014

**David Allen moved** and **Roger Prentice second** that minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

2. Fall Assembly at Chester - October 3 & 4, 2014

John Boyd shared his discussion with Rev. Dan Greene at Chester United Baptist Church. As advised by David Allen, Chester is unable to accommodate CABF by providing meal and break services for our Fall Assembly. However, Chester is able to provide their facility for our use on Friday evening (October 3, 2014) for communion service and our Fall Assembly annual meeting and our guest speaker on Saturday (October 4, 2014). Chester United Baptist will ensure they have Deacons from their church available for the communion service.

CABF may use the Chester church; however, CABF will need to arrange for their own refreshments for both Friday evening and Saturday.

It was agreed by all that we will accept this offer and have the Fall Assembly at Chester United Baptist Church. It was also agreed that CABF will make arrangements for break/refreshments. And, we will attempt to arrange for reservations at local eating establishments (in the Chester area) for folks who indicate to us that they would like to meet after the meeting for fellowship and a meal.

John Boyd provided a draft schedule based on these agreements. (Attachment #1) Kim will search out our cost of providing refreshments for both Friday evening and Saturday morning

breaks. Kim will also check out possible eating establishments and accommodations for those who might ask when they register for the meeting.

We will use our website, our Bulletin and email to inform our membership about this event. Kim will draft a proposed email message.

**Rev. Scott Barnes** (who is now a paid member (through Ed Colquhoun) of CABF) has agreed to be our guest speaker at our Fall Assembly/Annual meeting. Rev. Barnes resides in Ottawa; however, has family in the Wolfville and Halifax areas. He plans on staying with them during his time with us. (This will reduce our expenses for this event.)

Rev. Barnes advised he is available to preach at one of our CABF churches if one of the churches would like him to. No commitment confirmed at this time. John Boyd advised FBCH will consider this opportunity.

**ACTION:** As noted for Kim and John

### 3. Rushton Lecture – June 7, 2014

John Boyd confirmed that **Dr. Pamela Mosher** will be our guest speaker.

Honorarium is \$250.00 plus potential mileage (\$100).

Our original 'sound man' (David Ogilvie) will not be available for this meeting. Therefore we require some assistance for sound at the Chapel during this meeting.

Kim will speak with Tim (at the chapel) to see if we will require our sound system. The Chapel is getting a new sound system this month (March) and we may not need one.

Again, we will use our website, our Bulletin and email to inform our membership about this event.

**ACTION:** As noted for Kim.

### 4. Credentials Update

There is a meeting this coming Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church Halifax. The committee is continuing to document the procedures on how a candidate receives ordination from a church that is affiliated with CABF.

**NO ACTION.**

### 5. Bulletin

Roger informed Council that the deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup> for the May 1 publication of the Bulletin.

Roger has a number of articles being written for the May 1 publication: (1) an article from **Rev. Scott Barnes** (2) **Barry Morrison** is preparing an article on spirituality and (3) **Steven Graham** is preparing an article on RCMP chaplaincy. Steven use to be the Deputy Commissioner for the RCMP.

Roger also requested newsy articles from the churches for this edition as well.

This May 1 edition will include info on our June 7, Rushton Lecture and info on our Fall Assembly/Annual Meeting in Chester on October 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>.

Also, *Marianne Thomas* will prepare an article about the Scott's Bay Church and how they have worked through their recent covenant changes.

**NO ACTION.**

6. Financial Update

Cynthia provided a 3 page document (Attachment #2) presenting our current financial situation. Cynthia informed us that David (Allen) used information that she had compiled, and inputted this information into a program he had. This document provided an informative and up-to-date financial standing for CABF – a good pie chart was also included.

Cynthia took our attention to the 'Banking Summary – Year to Date' document and the 'Expenses' regarding 'The Bulletin'. Cynthia explained the 'Honorarium f \$500' was for the upcoming publication of 'The Bulletin'; the following 'Honorarium (2013) \$1,500' was for the Bulletins published in 2013. This year we will pay as each publication of 'The Bulletin' is produced.

David (Allen) will send these documents 'on-line' to Lee and John Churchill.

**Cynthia moved** that her report be accepted as presented; **John Churchill seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

**ACTION:** For David (Allen) as noted.

7. AEC update

John Tonks informed Council that AEC will have their Annual Meeting, on May 10, 2014, at AST (Atlantic School of Theology). Iman Ziaullah Khan is the guest speaker. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

**NO ACTION**

8. Motion for new Council Member

**Roger Prentice moved** that Marianne Thomas-Tupper, from Scott's Bay Church be accepted as a member of Council. **Seconded by Jeff White.** **Motion carried.**

9. Demonstration by David Allen on system

David did a demonstration of a program he has access to: Sumac Console (4). This is a fund raising program that appears to provide for a number of potential uses for CABF: membership listing; listing of all and any givers; resource for sending emails to selected and/or all names in the data base; tracking for gifts; tracking for attendance at various events; tracking for all communications and a tracking for Ministers recognized by CABF – just to name a few. Everyone agreed this sounds like a good idea.

To start with, there is no cost to implement the system. David (Ogilvie) will send the membership list he has to David (Allen); Lee will send the list of recognized Ministers she has to David (Allen) – anyone on Council who has any listing of anything, that they would like to include in the data base should forward the info to David (Allen).

Costs for the system will be incurred when and if we decide to use specialized modules – example: using 'The Cloud' so that more than one person can access the information gathered so it can be used, a cost of \$20.00/month.

**ACTION:** Members send information to David.

Next meeting date: **April 22, 2014**

Location: **FBCH**

Start time: **10:00 a.m.**