

ABF Council Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2012

Attendees:

John Boyd	David Ogilvie	John Tonks
Cynthia Ogilvie	Roger Prentice	Dan Gibson
Jeff White	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo	Kim Sweet

Regrets: Renee Clark and John Churchill

Agenda Items:

1. Rushton Lecture - June 2, 2012
2. Fall Session 2012
3. Credential Committee Update - Roger Prentice
4. Credential recognition
5. Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)
6. Finances - Cynthia
7. Membership

1. Rushton Lecture - June 2, 2012

Over 50 people have registered via email and phone calls. The menu has been settled. Kim has the registration organized and will provide a spreadsheet with all the info gained - including email addresses. The info gained will be usefully in the future. Everything organized!

Roger suggested because the day of the luncheon is the actual day of the Queens Jubilee that *God Save The Queen* be sung - in the chapel. All agreed. Also the Queen's coat of arms will be put on the program. The program template will be sent to David for the preparation of the program.

John Churchill will make the motion for the name change. John will be advised. Also, Roger will give notice of motion for the credentials. This should be a brief meeting.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

2. Fall Session 2012

Roger Prentice has confirmed that Wolfville Baptist Church will host our Fall Annual Meeting. Also, Wolfville Baptist would like our guest speaker to preach at their service the Sunday following our Fall Annual Meeting. Our speaker will be booked two (2) evenings (Friday and Saturday) at the Blomidin Inn. Kim will do this booking. ABF will pay for one night's accommodation and Wolfville Baptist will pay for the other night (because the speaker is preaching at their church on Sunday). This has been our normal procedure.

Benevolent Society will cater the dinner on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday. They will also provide the coffee break refreshments.

Friday evening dinner will be 6:00 pm; following dinner we will have our speaker - and then communion service. Speaker will speak about religious liberty and the local church.

Saturday our agenda will start at 9:00 am. Speaker will speak about religious liberty and the Presidential election. Our business meeting will take place Saturday afternoon.

The registration fee for the week-end will be \$40/person.

There was discussion about having training on 'Conflict Transformation'. The Peace Fellowship has an entire training session on this. Now being a board member for the Peace Fellowship, David Ogilvie thought he may organize this at Port Williams church on the Sunday following our meeting; or arrange something to take place Saturday after our business meeting. David will give this some consideration and let us know. It was noted that Alliance use to pay one night's accommodation for the ABF President to attend their annual meeting. Also, last year ABF paid for a member of the Peace Fellowship to attend our Annual meeting.

In support of our fellowships with Alliance and Peace Fellowship, John Boyd **moved** that ABF pay one night's accommodation and a single registration fee for an Alliance of Baptist representative and the same arrange for a representative of the Peace Fellowship, to attend our Annual ABF meeting. This will be an on-going policy for ABF. **Seconded** by John Tonks. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION: Kim to book Blomidin Inn. David to advise of his decision about providing a training session on 'Conflict Transformation'.

(Note by Lee: there was no discussion on whom or how we will advise Alliance of Baptist and/or the Peace Fellowship. I'm thinking that if all agree, I (being an Alliance board member) can advise the Alliance and David (being a board member) can advise the Peace Fellowship.)

3. Credential Committee Update - Roger Prentice

Roger advised that he has added the feedback received from Ed Colquhoun and Roger Foresman to the existing Credential document. This document continues to be 'a work-in-progress' and is coming along well. See Attachment #1.

Roger distributed Draft #3 to everyone and encouraged everyone to read the document for logic and content. Please give feedback.

Roger will be prepared to update members at the Ruston Luncheon.

ACTION: Everyone read document and provide feedback.

4. Credential recognition

It was discussed and agreed that according to the bylaws and Constitution of ABF, the Council has the authority to recognize and approve those who ask to have their

existing credentials recognized by ABF.

The Council minutes of October 27, 2011 meeting, reflect that Dan Gibson, Jeff White, Renee Clark, John Churchill, John Tonks and John Boyd requested that they be recognized by ABF. At this meeting (May 26, 2012), David Ogilvie and Roger Prentice requested their names be added to the list of those to be recognized.

It was **moved** by Kim Sweet that ABF recognize the existing credentials of the eight names listed:

1. Rev. John E. Boyd
2. Rev. Dr. Dan Gibson
3. Rev. Dr. Roger Prentice
4. Rev. John Tonks
5. Rev. David J. Ogilvie
6. Rev. Dr. John Churchill
7. Rev. Renee Clark
8. Rev. Jeffery White

Seconded by Cynthia Ogilvie. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Note 1: all those listed abstained from voting.

Note 2: Individuals may have dual accreditation; however, they may have their name on only **one list** for marriage privileges.

Lee needs to send a letter to those who have been recognized at this meeting.

David Ogilvie agreed to consider how he might prepare a wallet size card that indicates recognition by ABF.

Note 3: President Dan Gibson turned the Chair over to the mover of the motion for this vote.

ACTION: as noted for Lee and David.

5. Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)

Dan advised that ABF has been voted into full membership of CCC!

There was a warm welcome from all CCC members. It was noted that every denomination that has joined CCC, has joined as a result of a division in their denomination. This is part of why CCC exists, to help everyone in their healing process.

Dan has joined the CCC Executive.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

6. Finances - Cynthia

Cynthia provided a report. See Attachment #2. She advised that the most recent edition of the Bulletin was paid for from the Grant account.

Cynthia asked that the minutes from April 26, 2012, meeting be revised (in the second

paragraph on the first line) to read *'we have not spent money from the Grant fund for some time;'* rather than, *'we have not spent money from Rushton fund for some time.'* This correction was made.

Cynthia indicated that she will move all ABF accounts to one bank once our new name has been accepted and approved by the membership.

Dan will confirm with Gary (Nelson) that it will be OK to continue to use the name 'ABF' for such things as banking, once we have officially changed our name. We will have to work with our bank to inform them that there may be cheques and other transactions that will continue to be presented in the name of 'ABF'.

Cynthia advised she has not been able to complete the government forms she's been working on; she will need to consult with John Churchill. Dan suggested that Cynthia use the same information as provided in these forms as last year. The questions asked on the forms really relate to ABF's reason for being - and that hasn't changed. Cynthia **moved** her report be accepted as presented. Kim Sweet **seconded**; motion **carried**.

ACTION: As noted, Dan will confirm with Gary (Nelson) that it will be OK to continue to use the name 'ABF' for such things as banking, once we have officially changed our name.

7. Membership

75 individuals are registered as members and 12 churches are registered.

One church (Billtown Church) requested we remove them from our membership; and a new church was added.

\$500 was received from Lockhartville; \$1,000 was received from First Baptist Church Halifax. David has sent a thank you note to Lockhartville.

Dan stated that we need to be that in our conversations with others, they understand that they can remain members of Convention (CABC) and also be a member of ABF.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

Next meeting date: June 21, 2012 - 10:00 am.

Location: Port Williams United Baptist Church

Submitted by: Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, ABF Secretary
June 3, 2012