**LUNENBURG-QUEENS ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES**

**Leadership Team / Working Groups**

**New Ross Baptist Church**

**September 13, 2014**

The Lunenburg-Queens Association Leadership Team and Working Groups met at the New Ross Baptist Church on September 13th, 2014 with 12 present. As there was not a quorum, the meeting continued so that some of the summer business could be cleared, however the Moderator emphasized that no motions could be made.

Regrets: Joe Green Vic Adams

Mitchell Foley Corey Pickens

Sam Jess Fran Delong

Claire Montreille Nilda Chute

It was reported that John Boddy was in hospital having surgery and a card will be sent to him.

**WELCOME:**

Moderator, Steve Hopper, chaired the meeting and extended a warm welcome those present. He thanked Douglas Porter, who is the interim pastor for New Ross and Forties Baptist Churches, for hosting the meeting. He thanked those that supplied the delicious muffins of which there was no shortage. He then led in prayer.

**DEVOTION:**

Douglas Porter gave the devotion and his message was taken from Ephesians 4: 7-15 which he entitled it; “What Am I Doing Here?” He then gave reasons as to why we were doing work with the Church. He noted that, where there is a need, there has to be grace to meet it. We need grace to grow in spirit and to have a song in our heart. Grace is given to all to equip people to do the work that needs to be done. We will have grace until we all reach unity in faith. We are here to speak truth in love. Rev. Porter closed the devotion with prayer.

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**Motion to Approve Minutes:**

It was moved by Tom Davidson and seconded by Dan Green that the Minutes of the Leadership Team and Working Group meeting held on June 14, 2014 be approved as printed. ***Motion carried.***

**Old Business:**

1. *Association Constitution Update:*

It was reported that a template was to follow in the form of a Power Point presentation. The revamping of the Constitution was an effort to help in the construction of Queens/Sudbury Association’s constitution. With the White Paper, there are two differences:

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1. Meet once a year in an Oasis scenario setting which will see less business, more music and a meal;
2. Business carried out by the Executive. The Executive would meet regularly to make decisions on Licensing, Grants, etc.
3. *Revamped Bursary Application*

This matter will be in workshop group.

1. *Workshop on Drug Issues*

The Chair of this group was not present.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. *Fall 2014 Crandall Update*

It was noted that the challenge put forth to churches to join the college students in reading one chapter of the New Testament every day for the next 260 days has been received and a Power Point explaining each chapter is available.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Gordon Peverill, Treasurer, reviewed the budget noting that the budget line under Disbursement – Convention delegate (2013) should read (2014) and the amount should be $670.00. He finalized his report by stating that there was a balance of $3,141.55 as of today’s date.

Dan Green advised that $1,200.00 of the proceeds from the Giving Golf Tournament had been donated to Long Lake Camp.

**PRESENTATION:**

Norman Hovland named the members of the Drumlin Hills Board of Directors and noted that this Board had shared in providing funds for a sign. He also noted that with the closure of Bowater, land had become available for sale and the Planning Committee had made a resolution to look at the land and to determine if it is feasible to purchase it.

He then outlined a project of having a sidewalk constructed from the black top at Drumlin Hills to the door of the new church, as well as all or portion of the area around the church and asked that if this Association would participate in the project. He noted that this would allow residents of Drumlin Hills to attend church functions. He stated that Ronnie Conrad had offered to fix the area so that a sidewalk could be constructed. Some of the residents in Drumlin Hills would probably be glad to donate to this project as well.

It was agreed, in principle, to participate in a project to construct a sidewalk from Drumlin Hills to the new Baptist Church.

Norm was thanked for his presentation.

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**WORKING GROUPS:** (individual groups met for discussion and a break was taken before returning)

*Finance –* Doug Oickle reported:

1. Because there were no repairs to Long Lake Cabins this year, the funds were used to support two bursaries, one to Joe Green and one to Marie McCallum.
2. Association has some money that could be used for the sidewalk project and when the cost is confirmed, this matter will be looked at more closely.

*Leadership/ Development* – Dan Green reported:

1. Thanks to Pastor Steve for filling in for John Boddy on the Ordination Council.
2. The church of membership for supply speakers should be listed on the website.
3. Bursary Application being revamped to reflect today.

*Long Lake Camp* – Steve Hopper reported:

1. Numbers consistent with last year;
2. Grades 3 to 6 week was the most attended;
3. Family Camp weekend was held for the first time and was well attended and received good feedback;
4. Power outage and how it affected the deficit;
5. Other issues with campers and locals;
6. Foundation will be contacted for a loan to cover the deficit;
7. Rental Policy being drawn up and other not-for-profit camps have been contacted to inquire of their policy; and
8. The Long Lake Camp Board has a full Board of Directors.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Convention Connection:* Will be held on November 25, 2014 at Bayside Camp, Sambro Head, NS from 6:00 to 8:30pm.

*Convention Report:* Will be given at the Fall Association meeting.

*Nominations from our Association:* Steve Hopper noted that under the new structure, only one (1) person, every three (3) years, from our association would sit on the Nominating Committee.

Doug Porter asked if our Association was worth holding together as some of the pastors do not see it as necessary. It was admitted that there are problems and restructuring is needed in both the association and the working groups.

Music Rally will be held on October 19th, 2014 at the Liverpool Baptist Church commencing at 4:00 pm. Churches were asked to put this in their bulletins.

A 24-hour Prayer Vigil will be held on November 7 and 8, 2014 where you can pray from either your church, home, etc.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

***“Revitalize and Reconnect”*** Convention will be held on will be held on September 27th at the Harbouriew Holiday Inn in Dartmouth. This is a conference to spark ongoing dialogue, creativity and collaboration among the Churches for the glory of god’s kingdom.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2015:**

*Working Groups Association*

March 7, 2015 - Chelsea May 2, 2015 - Milton

June 13, 2015 - South Brookfield October 18, 2015 - Bridgewater

September 12, 2015 - Brooklyn

**ADJOURNMENT AND PRAYER:**

There being no further business, Doug Oickle call for adjournment at 11:02 am and Dan Green closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Lamrock

Clerk