***LUNENBURG QUEENS ASSOCIATION OF CONVENTION BAPTIST CHURCHES***

***FALL MEETING***

***AENON BAPTIST CHURCH, CHESTER BASIN, NS***

***OCTOBER 4, 2014***

The Lunenburg/Queens Association of Convention of Baptist Churches met at Aenon Baptist Church in Chester Basin on October 4, 2014 with 43 registered. Moderator Steve Hopper welcomed everyone and then led in prayer.

Steve Hopper introduced Joe Green to give the devotion. He spoke on missions and the spirit of hope. He stated that the current state of our churches is disheartening but the spirit is about to move. Now is the time as God is steadfast. We have a stake in His kingdom. God has not forsaken His people and grace is still available today. We can experience God’s grace in the most unlikely places. We can bring renewal to our churches, association and convention. Joe ended his devotion with prayer.

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

1. Steve Hopper opened the business session with prayer.
2. The Rules of Order were read by Clerk, Marie Lamrock.
3. The Minutes of Spring Association held on May 3, 2014 were circulated. It was moved by Dan Green and seconded by Wade Harvey that the Minutes be approved as printed. **Motion carried.**

Charles Richardson gave an update on the dedication of a plaque in memory of Dougall Bolivar.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

A notice from Bridgetown Baptist Church was received inviting the churches to attend a workshop on Hope for Wholeness.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

It was noted that not all churches have acted on having at least two representatives on the Working Group Committee. The Working Group meetings are not being well attended. The churches were asked to submit the names of their representatives to the Clerk.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Support for Missionaries*

It was moved by Brian MacDonald and seconded by Dan Green that the Association pay $1000.00 for missionary ministry and this amount be divided equally between the two missionary families as suggested by Convention. ***Motion carried.***

1. *Participation in Sidewalk Project*

It was moved by Norman Hovland and seconded by Sam Jess that the Association agree, in principle, to make a future commitment to share in the construction of a sidewalk between the black top of Drumlin Hills to the door of the new church. ***Motion carried.***

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1. *Association Allotment*

Doug Oickle announced that the allotments were coming in slow and the amount is 1% of the annual budget from churches. Gordon Peverill stated that some churches don’t give because they give to other sources.

1. *Spring Association Meeting Speaker*

Steve Hopper stated that, due some churches needing help in dealing with drug addiction, the guest speaker for Spring Association could be someone that was familiar with this type of work. He suggested Cal Maskery be invited to be the speaker as well as meet with Youth Groups, have a seminar and speak at a church on Sunday morning. The location of the church has not been confirmed.

1. *Association Constitution*

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Doug Porter and seconded by Royce Getson that this matter be referred back to the Executive to draw up a draft constitution that would fit our immediate Association. ***Motion carried.***

1. *List of Youth Group Leaders*

There is a need for the names of Youth Group Leaders from each church to be recorded so that the groups can work together to provide better youth ministry through combined rallies, etc.

**REPORTS:**

1. *Treasurer*

The Treasurer’s Report was distributed and reviewed. Gordon Peverill, Treasurer, noted that there was little change from the Spring Association report and that the balance on hand as of September 13, 2014 was $2,691.55. The report is affixed to these Minutes.

Gordon Peverill moved and Wade Harvey seconded the adoption of the Treasurer’s Report. ***Motion carried.***

1. *Working Groups*
2. *Leadership and Development:*

Dan Green stated that this group would be encouraging licenses and asking for prayer for this and for those that requested an application. The new bursary form has been revamped. He also felt that the church of attendance should accompany the names of supply pastors that are listed on the website.

Dan Green moved and Doug Oickle seconded the adoption of this report. ***Motion carried.***

1. *Fellowship*

Fran Delong reported on the Music Rally and asked that this be put in church bulletins or announced from the pulpit.

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Fran Delong moved and Dan Green seconded the adoption of this report. ***Motion carried.***

1. *Finance*

Doug Oickle reported that the Treasurer had covered everything in his report.

1. *Long Lake Camp*

Ken Cameron gave his report on the activities at Long Lake Camp during the summer months. His report is affixed to these Minutes.

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It was moved by Ken Cameron and seconded by Royce Getson the adoption of this report. ***Motion carried***

*Long Lake Camp Treasurer’s Report*

Ken Cameron then reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, noting a deficit. He explained how this came about and that it would be financed through a loan from Atlantic Baptist Foundation.

Ken Cameron moved and Wade Harvey seconded the adoption of the Long Lake Camp Treasurer’s Report which has been placed to form part of these Minute. ***Motion carried.***

1. *Other Reports:*
2. *Convention Report*

Nilda Chute, one of our convention delegates, distributed her report for perusal. She thanked the Association for nominating her as a delegate. Nilda’s report is attached to these Minutes.

**RECESS:**

The meeting recessed at which time refreshments were enjoyed.

**MUSIC:**

When the meeting resumed at 11:05am, we were entertained by the Royal Juncats and from the tapping of feet to the swaying of bodies and applause, one could say they were enjoyed by all. Thank you Royal Juncats!!

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Steve Hopper introduced Dr. Garth Williams, Associate Executive Minister with CABC.

Dr. Williams entitled his message “A Conversation About the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches” in which he spoke on CABC’s redefined visions, being Healthy Churches and Missional Churches.

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By way of Power Point, Dr. Williams explained how these visions would come to fruition, what would be involved and how this would affect the churches and also CABC. He stated that three centers would be developed to carry out the mission goals. The finances of CABC are of a concern with a shortfall of $230,129.00. He noted that funding comes from the churches and asked that there be an increase in givings.

 Dr. Williams then opened the floor for questions after which he was thanked for his informative presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm with prayer and grace. After adjournment, a delicious lunch was enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted:

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Marie Lamrock, Clerk