

Phone Conference on April 6<sup>th</sup> , 2017

Here are my rough minutes of this morning's conference call meeting. Please let me know if there is anything I got wrong or left out... If everything is in order, then Terry, can you email this out to the churches in a week's time? (That way you all have time to check them over.)

9:40 start. Present: Nilda Chute, Myrna Crouse, Royce Getson, Sam Jess, Doug Oickle, Fran DeLong, Mitchell Foley. Regrets from Cathy Uhlman.

**Note:** We were one person short of a quorum (75%). The only decision we made in this meeting that might possibly have required quorum is the payment to the musicians for the spring rally. But factoring in the offering, that's hopefully a small enough expense that it's reasonable for us to decide without quorum.

### **Review of agenda.**

**Review of minutes** of Feb. 3 Council meeting. No errors or business arising.

**Licenses.** There was a question about when Association licenses are renewed. It will be for the fall meeting. We do not do business at the spring rally.

**Resignation.** Sam read an email from Norm Rafuse, respectfully resigning from our Association Council because of time restraints. We will have our clerk send him an acknowledgement.

Since Norm Rafuse and Steve Hopper have left the Association Council, we have two openings. **Mitchell Foley thinks he knows two people in his church who might be interested.** We will ask Norm Hovland, as chair of our nominating committee, to get in touch with Mitchell about it.

**Financial update.** We have 3129.49 in the bank. Received \$649 from CBAC. We have not received many cheques from churches, and there has not been much activity otherwise. **We are still reserving \$2000 for Tidal Impact, in case it is needed.**

**Souls' Harbour has asked for a contribution to their Easter meal.** After discussion, we concluded that the nature of the Association's giving is to try

to give one-time or once-a-year gifts, and not to try to respond promptly to current appeals.

**Spring Rally. Our Association Spring Rally will feature Dr. Anna Robbins, on "HOW TO ANSWER ATHEISM." Sunday, May 7 at Milton Baptist Church.** Doors open at 4:30. **Pot-luck** supper at 5:00 (doors open at 4:30). **Worship** at 6:00. Dr. Robbins speaks from 6:30 to 7:30, followed by questions. Done by 8:00. The spring rally will not include a business meeting.

Fran asked if she needs to present a financial report. No, there will be no business at the spring rally. We will try to have some minutes and reports available on a table, for those interested.

As part of the planning committee, Mitchell shared about how, in his search for a high-quality band, it so happened that a band from Ontario called Infinitely More ([www.infinitelymore.ca](http://www.infinitelymore.ca)) is in the area that night, and available to lead worship, for \$400. After discussion, we agreed to try spending \$400 on that band, plus \$150 for speaker Anna Robbins, and give \$75 to the host church. We will take a collection as part of the evening to offset some of those costs. **We will pray hard for this to be a successful event, and we will try hard to get word out about this in an enthusiastic way.** Mitchell will see about getting a good poster made and distributed. The committee will continue to work on planning the exact timing of the evening, etc.

**Long Lake Camp.** Royce shared about how the camp is working on issues around liability insurance. Mitchell shared that Darryl MacKenzie had recommended lawyer David Eldredge of Barrington to him. **Royce asked if it is okay for the Long Lake Camp sign to change from saying "operated by" the Association to "owned by". We were all in agreement that it was okay.** However, we also affirmed that the Camp didn't need our permission to make that change, as much as we appreciate them asking.

**The camp has a new website, and those who have looked at it say it looks very nice.**

**A former camper, Hannah Smith, died recently in Vancouver.**

**Fall Association Meeting.** Will be September 30. Sam will check with Mahone Bay to see if they are interested in hosting. If not, he will check with New Ross.

**Convention Delegates.** Fran suggested that since she and her husband were sent by the Association as delegates to Oasis last summer, we should look for a couple from Queens County that is interested in going as our delegates. The couple would receive \$500 from Association toward their expenses. We are open to suggestions or volunteers, and we will appoint the delegates at our next meeting or conference call.

**Next meeting. We will have another conference call, Friday, May 19 at 9:30. Same number. [800 747 5150](tel:8007475150), and the access code is 644 1013.**

People agreed that the conference call was functionally successful, we were able to communicate with each other well. If anyone has suggestions for improvements, please let Sam know.