



**Board of Directors
April 29, 2013
Conference Call**

In Attendance
Heather Bayes, President
Russell Pohl, Vice President
Marcy Perron, Treasurer
Tamara Smith, Secretary
Lee Lachmuth, North Delegate
Kevin Daniel, Interior
Jayne Wilson, Executive Director

Absent
Kathrynne Coxon, Coast Fraser Delegate

Guest
Faye McClinton, MCFD

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:34 p.m.
***M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)**

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Two changes to the minutes.	MOTION to accept the Minutes of March 25, 2013 Board of Directors meeting as amended. *M/S/C Kevin/Tamara
2. Additions and Changes to Agenda	No changes to the agenda.	
3. President's Report	<p><i>Meetings Attended</i> Ongoing Provincial Protocol meetings. Building Communities of Caring meeting in Richmond.</p> <p><i>Upcoming Meetings</i> Attending FCSS AGM in Penticton in June with Vice President.</p>	
4. Vice President's Report	<p>Office is busy working on AGM details.</p> <p>Support and Advocacy workshop was delivered in Prince George last week. Another is scheduled for Vancouver next week.</p>	
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer and ED reviewed the year end financial statements and the proposed budget.</p> <p>In each of the past 3 years there has been one expense that has put us into a deficit position. Fundraising initiatives are ongoing.</p>	<p>MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. M/S/C Marcy/Russell</p> <p>MOTION to approve the 2013-2014 budget as presented. M/S/C Marcy/Russell</p>
6. Director's Report	The Director's report will be provided in other ongoing and new business.	
7. CFFA Update	No news to report.	

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8. Ongoing Business	<p><i>Support and Advocacy</i> We have provided quotes for Support and Advocacy workshops to MCFD Fraser region and Hollyburn Family Services. We have requests for another quote for Prince George MCFD.</p> <p>The President reminded all Board members to submit their annual reports, support statistics and meeting information to the office.</p> <p>We have one interested party on the Island who has enquired about the Island Delegate position. The President will follow up.</p>	
9. MCFD Liaison	<p>There is a bit of a lull at Provincial office at present due to the election activity. No changes will take place until approximately the middle of June.</p> <p>Per the President's request, the Liaison was unable to identify a policy stating the foster parents could only hold one contract.</p> <p>The Secretary asked about the recommendations about Secure Care as noted in the Residential Review documents last year. The Liaison was not aware of any action items about Secure Care for the Communities of Caring initiative. The Secretary noted that with the recent communication from MCFD stating that there is to be no restraint used on children poses a problem for extreme youth. Foster parents are struggling with the guidance to call police when children and youth are acting up rather than more traditional parenting solutions such as putting them in their room.</p>	
10. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>North Region – Lee Lachmuth</i> The Insurance, Support and Advocacy Workshops went very well. There is a noted exodus of MCFD caregivers moving to Carrier Sekani. Carrier Sekani provides much more support for foster parents.</p> <p>Hub homes will be active in Prince George as of June 1st.</p> <p>The North Delegate has been invited to Quesnel to attend a dinner and talk with K. Blackman, MCFD EDS.</p> <p>The goal for this year is to link foster parents in remote areas of the North through conference calling.</p> <p><i>Interior Region – Kevin Daniel</i> Oversight committee is causing delays in payments. There is a heavy strain on MCFD finances with the high level kids in the region.</p>	

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	<p>The President inquired if the oversight committee is active in any other region. Discussion ensued regarding the intention for consistency of financial decisions across the regions.</p> <p>Discussion regarding placements and one-contract-per-home goal in the Okanagan region.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Russell, Tamara and Jayne</i> The ED stated that Powell River is interested in creating a Local and a quote has been given to provide a Support and Advocacy workshop in Powell River. To date AGM registration from the Coast Fraser region is low.</p> <p>Support case numbers in the region are still very high.</p>	
11. New Business	<p>A Rider Insurance Webinar is in the works. The ED discussed process and established dates to record the webinar.</p> <p>BCFFPA is being included in a Maple Ridge high school presentation about local charities. The students will do presentations on their chosen charities and the winning charity will receive \$5,000.</p>	
12. Next Meeting	Next meeting face to face pre-AGM on May 23, 2013 in Richmond, BC.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm	