



**Board of Directors
August 28, 2013
Conference Call**

In Attendance

Heather Bayes, President
Russell Pohl, Vice President
Marcy Perron, Treasurer
Tamara Smith, Secretary
Kevin Daniel, Interior
Les Toth, Vancouver Island
Ronda Sweeney, Community Network
and Membership Coordinator

Regrets

Jayne Wilson, Executive Director
Faye McClinton, MCFD

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:37 p.m.

***M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)**

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting.	MOTION to accept the Minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting as circulated. *M/S/C Russell/Tamara
2. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	No changes to the Agenda.	
3. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region – Kevin Daniel</i> Kelowna is now following the new babysitting guidelines as laid out in the 5th Edition of the Foster Family Handbook.</p> <p>Castlegar will be holding a centralized partnership meeting for foster parents in the West Kooteney area on September 16, 2013.</p> <p>Clearwater has been split off from the Cariboo CSM coverage area. The Cariboo area currently has an interim CSM, Dianne McCurdy.</p> <p>Concerns are arising in some of our smaller. Experienced foster parents plan to retire after the children in their care age out. Currently there are no experienced foster parents to replace them.</p> <p><i>Island Region – Les Toth</i></p> <p>The Delegate has been in contact with Cowichan Valley MCFD to let them know he is now BCFFPA Island Delegate. There continues to be a hiring freeze within their MCFD office.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser – Delegate unassigned (VP and Secretary provided report)</i> There has been a decrease in protocols over the last few months.</p>	

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	<p>There has been an increase of Support and Advocacy calls compared to previous months.</p> <p>The office has received inquiries from Diane Swansburg (Surrey, MCFD) and Donna Wilkinson (Yukon foster parents agency) on Support and Advocacy training. We are still in discussions.</p> <p>One Coast Fraser delegate position is still to be filled.</p> <p>Have had some difficulties in dealing with Surrey MCFD who contract with a small regional support agency and do not recognize BCFFPA as a necessary support for foster parents.</p>	
<p>4. President's Report</p>	<p>The president attended a few meeting within the last few months.</p> <p>The planned meeting with Minister has been cancelled. Awaiting rescheduled date.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled with the Representative of Children and Youth on October 22, 2013</p> <p>We have requested a meeting with Carol James, the Opposition Critic and are still awaiting a response.</p> <p>The president continues to work together with the President of FAFP to develop the relationship between our organizations.</p> <p>FAFP is holding their Annual General Meeting in Penticton, September 26 – 28, 2013.</p> <p>BCFFPA Board Face to Face meeting will be held in Richmond, October 24 – 26, 2013.</p> <p>The Coast Fraser Election resulted in one nomination for Coast Fraser delegate, Monica Buchanan. Monica fostered with PLEA from 2009 – 2013 and MCFD 2000 – 2002 and again since March 2013. Monica is a member in good standing.</p> <p>The Executive Director has requested that all Board members submit their reports for the next FosterlineBC newsletter by September 15, 2013.</p> <p>The Executive Director is in the process of completing two grant applications: Face the World and Lex Reynold Adoption and Permanency Trust Fund.</p>	<p>MOTION to appoint Monica Buchanan as Coast Fraser delegate. *M/S/C Russell/Tamara</p> <p>ACTION President to call Monica to inform her that she has been appointed as Coast Fraser delegate.</p> <p>ACTION Board package to be sent to new Coast Fraser Delegate.</p>
<p>5. Vice President's Report</p>	<p>The office staff is concluding post-AGM catch-up. VP will be scheduling an office staff meeting in near future. Overall it</p>	

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	has been a quiet summer.	
6. Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer was reviewed the statements. Everything is in line and controlled. Checks and balances put in place working well.</p> <p>Vancouver Island delegate requested further clarification on meal expenses between 2012 and 2013 AGMs. He also mentioned that the past quarter finances were much better compared to last year.</p>	<p>ACTION A comparison spreadsheet for meal expenses between AGMs 2012 and 2013 will be compiled and sent to all Board members.</p> <p>MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report as delivered.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*M/S/C Marcy/Les</p>
7. CFFA Update	<p>CFFA is in process of organizing Fall Board meetings. They will be reviewing the feedback and issues/concerns voiced at the AGM in Toronto.</p> <p>Fall Board meeting to be held in James River, AB, October 8 – 11, 2013.</p>	
8. Ongoing Business	<p>The Executive Director requested that the board think about a name for the Advocacy program.</p> <p>The Executive Director is taking part in provincial conference calls in preparation for Foster Family month.</p> <p>The Executive Director continues to look for grants that BCFFPA can apply for to fund the Support and Advocacy program.</p> <p>The Executive Director and President have been invited to attend the EDS meeting with Bev Dicks in September. Date to be announced.</p>	
9. New Business	<p>The Executive Director and Ronda continue to work on motions from AGM.</p> <p>Ballots for the North delegate election must be postmarked no later than August 28, 2013. Ballots will be counted by a third party during the first week of September and the elected nominee will be contacted by the President.</p>	
10. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on September 23 rd , 2013.	
	Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm	