



**Board of Directors
February 24, 2014
Conference Call**

In Attendance

Heather Bayes, President
Russell Pohl, Vice President
Marcy Perron, Treasurer
Tamara Smith, Secretary
Rocky Hindmarch, North
Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser
Jayne Wilson, Executive Director

Absent

Les Toth, Vancouver Island Delegate
Yvonne Langlois, Interior Delegate

Guest

Faye McClinton

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:33 p.m.

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

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. MCFD Liaison	<p>Nothing to report at MCFD this month. The House is sitting and budgets are being reviewed.</p> <p>The Provincial Director of Child Welfare would like to attend the AGM and requests more information for distribution to MCFD staff.</p>	<p>ACTION ED to send costs and additional details regarding AGM to Liaison.</p>
2. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Monica Buchanan</i> It has been a quiet month. FVFPA are holding their AGM this week.</p> <p><i>Interior Region – Delegate unavailable (report provided by President and Treasurer)</i> It has been a quiet month. Active protocols appear to be meeting the timelines. Interior MCFD’s recent announcement that foster parents would attend the Adoption Education Program rather than the usual 53-hour Foster Parent Education series has been tabled for the time being. The Foster Family Handbook has been released and it appears that all are following the guidelines.</p> <p>The next partnership meeting is in April.</p> <p>It is difficult to find relief as all beds are full. The Kootenays have an increase in protocols involving experienced foster homes. MCFD offices are short staffed.</p> <p><i>North Region – Rocky Hindmarch</i> A partnership meeting took place this week. There was no representation from MCFD due to illness. Carrier Sekani, foster parents and members of the Prince George Local were in attendance. Carrier Sekani will be hosting more training locally so there will likely be less sponsorship of foster parents to attend other events outside the region. Rocky has received additional contact information for resources in other regions.</p>	<p>ACTION Send North Delegate the contact information for North Peace Community Resources Society – Foster Parent Program.</p>

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	<p>The respite/relief checklist provided in the Foster Family Handbook is being used in the region.</p> <p><i>Island Region – Delegate unavailable</i> No report available.</p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of January 27, 2014 meeting.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of January 27, 2014 meeting as circulated. M/S/C Russell/Marcy</p>
4. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	No changes to the agenda.	<p>MOTION to accept the Agenda as presented. M/S/C Tamara/Monica</p>
5. President’s Report	<p>Conference call with the Provincial Director of Child Welfare and ADM Service Delivery has been postponed until March 5th.</p> <p>Fostering information videos committee met and has identified topics.</p> <p>President is working on some support cases.</p>	
6. Vice President’s Report and Advocacy Program Report	<p>The new office is coming together. Would like to do an in-office training for support and advocacy after the AGM.</p> <p>The exam for the support and advocacy program is daunting and could be done in groups at the training. Discussion. Some participants won’t write the exam and are concerned about being singled out and targeted by MCFD – there is some precedent for this concern.</p>	<p>ACTION send a reminder to the participants of Richmond training regarding completion of the exam.</p>
7. Treasurer’s Report	<p>The financials are on track with the budget. We received a donation of phones and all the services associated with our new phone service. Projected cost savings for next year due to move-related savings for operating costs is \$7,500.</p> <p>Other savings next fiscal year will include newsletter printing. Monthly cheques will be signed by two Lower Mainland signing authorities and a summary of expenses will be sent to the Treasurer once per month. This will save approximately \$360 in courier charges for the next fiscal year.</p> <p>North Delegate queried funds available to plan additional travel in the North in order to develop Local Associations. Will revisit later in the year.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the Treasurer’s Report as delivered. M/S/C Marcy/Monica</p>

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8. Director's Report	<p>Summarized the donation of phone and installation services. There are still a few outstanding move-related invoices.</p> <p>Have received approval from MCFD to send the newsletter electronically after June's FosterlineBC issue. This will save approximately \$10,000 in printing costs.</p> <p>Contract discussions with MCFD have commenced. We hope to receive a draft contract in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Discussed upcoming conferences and meetings where travel is required. Consideration of costs. Requires further discussion at next meeting.</p>	
9. Ongoing Business	No items for discussion.	
10. New Business	ED provided a summary of recent Residential Redesign stakeholders meeting in Vancouver.	
10. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on March 24 th , 2014 at 6:30 pm.	
	Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm	