



**Board of Directors  
March 21, 2016  
Conference Call**

*In Attendance*

Russell Pohl, President  
 Tamara Smith, Vice President  
 Lance Bereck, Treasurer  
 Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate  
 Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate  
 Chad Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate  
 Kevin Daniel, Interior Delegate  
 Tanya Tagmann, North Delegate  
 Jayne Wilson, Executive Director  
 Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager

*Absent*

Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate

*Guest*

Anne Clayton, 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. Ministry Liaison	<p>MCFD Liaison gave her condolences for Heather Bayes passing. This is a huge loss to the child caring industry.</p> <p>Announcement of \$2-3 million for adoption initiatives is being discussed in estimates. Contracting with agencies to do homestudies was not a very successful initiative.</p> <p>Discussion about “permanency” including adoption, 54.01/54.1, adult adoption etc.</p> <p>Insurance program funds from the premium rebate can be applied to BCFFPA programs. As year-end approaches, submit any proposals for services or initiatives.</p> <p>Discussion regarding foster to adopt and the discrepancy between Level payments and Post Adoption Assistance being a disincentive.</p> <p>Discussion regarding Centralized Service.</p>	
2. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i>            Interior not seeing a lot of foster parents attending meetings or trainings.</p> <p>Kelowna Local fundraising to support foster parent in need.</p> <p>Cranbrook Local raised \$4500 in their annual fundraiser.</p> <p>Concerns were raised by a foster parent that MCFD would not place children in their home as they are also a CLBC home.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Walter Aguilar</i>            In the process of scheduling a meeting with Ms. Buchanan to be updated on activities in the Coast Fraser region.</p>	

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	<p><i>North Region– Tanya Tagmann</i> BCFFPA Local has made plans to celebrate Youth In Care Week with a BBQ and paddle boat rental event. Local will be expanding their current Facebook page to extend to more northern communities.</p> <p>Local executive are fundraising to hold educational training meetings for foster parents. MCFD is not presenting any educational training in the near future.</p> <p>Partnership meeting turned into a training meeting. The March meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for April.</p> <p>No contentious issues have been raised by foster parents.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region- Chad Hooker</i> Vancouver Island foster parents are starting to hear about BCFFPA representation on the Island. Feedback has been encouraging.</p> <p>Representative has been receiving calls from foster parents and has been actively making contacts in the community. North Island is the current focus. Has been in contact with Dan Malone, from Foster Parent Support Services Society. Continue to work towards bridging the gap and creating supportive relationships.</p> <p>Courtenay Local and MCFD partnership meeting went well on March 9, 2016. Meet and greet was cancelled due to weather. Hope to reschedule in the near future.</p> <p>Questions have been raised regarding some foster homes being empty and other homes being in overages in the North Island region.</p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of February 18 & 19, 2016 face to face meeting.	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the Minutes of the February 18 &amp; 19, 2016 meeting as circulated.</p> <p><b>*M/S/C</b> Tamara/Chad</p>
4. President’s Report	<p>Attended the Vancouver Island Partnership meeting on March 9, 2016 in Courtenay. Felt BCFFPA’ S presence was well received.</p> <p>Currently has 55 support cases.</p> <p>President asked board to consider a change in BCFFPA membership. Discussion proceeded on how to increase BCFFPA membership.</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Executive Director to draft a letter to BCFFPA Locals in regards to membership.</p>

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	<p>President and Vice President attended Heather Bayes' Memorial Service in Enderby on March 4, 2016. Was a very emotional service. Service honored Heather and her legacy. Over 200 people were in attendance.</p> <p>BCFFPA will honor Heather at the AGM in October. Will extend an invitation to Heather's husband and son to receive the Honorary Award on her behalf. Heather will be greatly missed.</p> <p>CFFA board meeting is coming up in May in James River, BC. Russell will be putting his name forward in September for CFFA President position. Continues to work towards establishing relationships nationally.</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Executive Director to extend the invitation to Heather's husband and son to come to the AGM in Nanaimo.</p>
5. Vice President's Report	<p>An Aboriginal Content Facilitator has been hired. Lenora Starr will be on a six month contract working on the Education Training project. She will be working remotely from Penticton.</p> <p>Ronda and Sheri are currently working on donations for the AGM.</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer has reviewed the financial reports for January and February. Numbers are coming together for the fiscal year end. Board face to face meetings expenses were approx. \$7600.00.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the Treasurer's report and financial statements as presented. *M/S/C Kevin/Tanya</p>
7. Executive Director's Report	<p>With the Secretary position left vacant, the Board will need to fill the position until the AGM. Interested parties will be able to put their names forward to run for the Secretary position in August.</p> <p>The Board discussed mileage amounts at the February Board meeting. Mileage reimbursement is currently .46/km. Executive Director reviewed the current fiscal year mileage expenses stating that next year's budget would be increased approximately \$500.00 should the mileage be increased to .50/km. Board discussed a three year goal to have the mileage be on par to MCFD allotted mileage reimbursement.</p> <p>Board discussed a name change to for the Honorary Life Membership award. As per BCFFPA bylaws, a change in name must be brought to the membership at the AGM for a vote. Executive Director to propose three different names to the Board through an email. The most popular name will be brought forward to membership to vote on at AGM.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to increase mileage reimbursement to .50/km. *M/S/C Lance/Chad</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Executive Director to email the Board with three proposed name changes for the Honorary Life Membership Award.</p>

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8. Ongoing Business	Please submit all outstanding expenses to ensure they are accounted for by year end.	
9. Next Meeting	Next meeting Conference Call on April 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.	