



**Board of Directors
October 24, 2016
Conference Call**

In Attendance

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

Absent

Victor Elkins, Coast Fraser Delegate

Guest

Anne Clayton, MCFD
 Connie Epp, MCFD

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

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

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Ministry Liaison</p>	<p>Ministry is hosting an announcement on October 31st, 2016 in Kelowna. Acknowledged that 40-45% of BC's adoptions are to foster parents – something to celebrate for Foster Family Month and indicates successes of BC Foster Basics series and fostering/adoption program.</p> <p>Expansion of agreements with young adults to 4 years (up to age 26) rather than only 2.</p> <p>Winding down to retirement. Connie will be point of continuity.</p> <p>Connie enjoyed attending the AGM.</p>	
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i> No news from the Regional Board to mention. Some regions are hosting Foster Family Month events.</p> <p><i>North Region– Tanya Tagmann</i> Discussions with the Resource Team Lead in Prince George regarding continuing partnership meetings and bringing support and advocacy training back. 2 Foster Family Month events in Prince George area.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Walter Aguilar</i> Was not invited to any Foster Family Month events though a plant and card were delivered. Mission/Abbotsford had a lunch event. People are curious about talk of a foster parent union.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region- Chad Hooker</i> Foster Family Month event in Courtenay. Delegate and Secretary weren't invited but it was suggested that one attend anyway and Secretary's attendance was well received.</p>	

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	Lots of talk about unionizing. Level 3 overages without adequate pay. Homes are being closed and group homes are being opened. Positive feedback from Island foster parents about AGM.	.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	<p>No changes to the Minutes of July 25, 2016.</p> <p>One change to the pre-AGM Minutes, September 29, 2016. Add note about source of additional funds being distributed to Locals for 50th Anniversary.</p> <p>No changes to the post-AGM minutes, October 1, 2016.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the July 25, 2016 Minutes as distributed. M/S/C Walter/Kevin</p> <p>MOTION to accept the the pre-AGM September 29, 2016 Minutes as amended. M/S/C Tanya/Lance</p> <p>MOTION to accept the post-AGM October 1, 2016 Minutes as distributed. M/S/C Kevin/Walter</p>
4. Agenda	Addition to the Agenda under New Business. CFFA/BCFFPA 2017 Event – main speaker discussion.	
5. President’s Report	Letter was written in response to the <i>Too Many Victims</i> report released on October 3, 2016 to address the timing of the release at the beginning of Foster Family Month. Received a generic response with no acknowledgement of the impact on foster parents. This is being addressed as well by the past-President as it impacts his family who are part of the new recruitment and awareness campaign.	
6. Vice President’s Report	Spoke to Melanie F. of Kelowna who was an original author of the Foster Parent Rights document about revising and moving the Rights forward to legislation. Was very enthusiastic and interested in participating on the committee for this work. Proposing to name the Bill as it goes forward, after Heather Bayes.	
7. Treasurer’s Report	Financial statements were reviewed. Raised over \$16,000 in revenue from AGM fees.	<p>MOTION to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. M/S/C Lance/Chad</p> <p>MOTION to distribute \$500 to each active Local in the first quarter of 2017 calendar year. M/S/C Kevin/Tanya</p>

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8. Executive Director's Report	<p>The Executive Director provided an update on office staffing. One part time contractor ends on October 31. We have one full time contract ending on March 31, 2017.</p> <p>Due to project work and the change in date of the AGM, the Foster Family Month newsletter wasn't ready for distribution early this month. The President has suggested a December newsletter instead.</p> <p>The new membership database and support database are both in the works. The Treasurer is assisting with review and ideas. So far all comments about the new website have been positive.</p> <p><i>CFFA Update (provided by Russell Pohl, Chair 2017 Event)</i> Update provided regarding letters back and forth to CFFA regarding BCFPPA's position on the CFFA Board. We remain committed to hosting the 2017 joint AGM/Conference event.</p> <p>Will continue with fundraising. Goal is to raise \$40,000.</p> <p>Confirmed Russell Pohl as Chair of the 2017 event committee.</p> <p><i>Advocacy Program (provided by Russell Pohl, Solutions Facilitator)</i> We have submitted an OTO proposal for the Solutions Facilitator position. The new President had asked Russell to stay involved. MCFD has met with Russell regarding representation of foster parents.</p> <p>Will be travelling to Smithers soon and hoping to arrange for a trip to Prince Rupert and Prince George.</p>	
9. Ongoing Business	<p><i>2017 Event</i> \$500 worth of hotel nights were booked but not used at recent AGM. Please be aware that we can adjust reservations to conserve funds if we are aware in advance.</p> <p>Many ideas how next year's event will look. Sent notes to committee members for speaker ideas.</p> <p>Will renegotiate the room bookings based on new attendance projections.</p> <p>Event Chair would like to MC the event. All agreed.</p> <p><i>Honorary Award 2017</i> Event Chair would like to put forward a name for next year. Will bring forward in the new year.</p>	

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	<p><i>Committee Updates/Reports</i> Membership Structure Committee – The Vice President will Chair the committee. All in agreement.</p>	
10. New Business	<p>Discussion about speakers for AGM. Best to do the fact finding, come up with options and discuss among the committee before discussing with the larger Board.</p> <p>Union committee of 6 foster parents needs to be formed. Create a vetting process. Vice President and ED will discuss this week.</p> <p>The President has been in contact with an insurance contact regarding designing extended health and retirement packages for foster parents. Noted that we cannot offer group coverage. Will be meeting on October 28.</p> <p>The ED will do a bit more background work prior to divvying up the Motions from the AGM among Board members.</p>	
11. Next Meeting	Next meeting Conference Call on November 28, 2016 at 6:30 pm.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.	