



**Annual General Meeting
May 23, 2015
Hilton Whistler
Resort & Spa
Whistler, BC**

In Attendance

Russell Pohl, President
Tamara Smith, Vice President
Rocky Hindmarch, Secretary
Heather Bayes, Interior Delegate
Amanda Lindquist, North Delegate
Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate
Jayne Wilson, Executive Director

43 voting members present

Absent

Marcy Perron, Treasurer

Guest Speaker

Mo Soliman, Big Red Fish Productions

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 9:10 a.m.

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

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Welcome and Introductions	<p>Elders of the Lil'Wat Nation offered a story, a dance and a prayer in welcome.</p> <p>Opening remarks by the President asking representatives from MCFD, agencies and past Presidents to stand. Acknowledged honorary life and honorary associate members in the room. Introductions of and thanks to staff members.</p>	
2. Honorary Associate Award	<p>The President introduced past President, Melanie Filiatrault, to present the Honorary Associate Award to Deputy Minister of Children and Family Development, Mark Sieben.</p>	
3. Guest Speaker	<p>Guest speaker, Mo Soliman, of Big Red Fish Productions provided a summary of the BC Foster Basics video series development and process. He showed a compilation video including bloopers.</p>	
4. Housekeeping	<p>The President turned the meeting over to the Parliamentarian who reviewed the housekeeping items.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Notice of annual meeting was provided in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Notice provided in the February (Winter) 2013 issue of FosterlineBC newsletter ➤ Notice provided on the BCFFPA website ➤ Notice provided by e-mail b. A quorum of at least 25 voting members were present (43 voting members in assembly) c. The Agenda was passed by the assembly. d. The Standing Rules (Rules of Order) were adopted by the assembly. e. The Tellers Committee members were assigned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ronda Sweeney, BCFFPA ➤ Chelsea Atkinson, Megson Fitzpatrick ➤ Brian Tipper, Brian Tipper Inc. f. The Minutes of AGM 2014 were accepted as circulated. 	<p>MOTION (01/AGM/15) to approve the Agenda as presented. Carried</p> <p>MOTION (02/AGM/15) to approve the Standing Rules (Rules of Order). Carried</p> <p>MOTION (03/AGM/15) to accept the Minutes of AGM 2013 as circulated. Carried</p>

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5. Reports	<p><i>President's Report – Russell Pohl</i> The president referred everyone to the AGM Report in their packages for an update on activities and outcomes from last year's AGM motions.</p> <p><i>Auditor's Report – Brian Tipper</i> The Auditor presented his report with emphasis on the cost savings to office operations.</p> <p>The Parliamentarian presented Motions to accept the Audited Financial Statements as provided and to appoint the Auditor for next year.</p>	<p>MOTION (04/AGM/15) to accept the 2014-2015 fiscal Audited Financial Statements as provided by Brian Tipper Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>MOTION (05/AGM/15) that Brian Tipper Inc. be appointed auditor for BCFFPA for the fiscal year 2015-2016 and that the Board of Directors be authorized to fix the remuneration for these services.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
6. Special Resolutions	<p>The proposed Special Resolutions were read to the assembly. Questions were asked and clarification was offered. The proposed Special Resolutions were sent to voting members on April 2nd, 2015 for review and mail-in voting.</p>	
7. Elections	<p>The Parliamentarian noted that the Nominations Committee Report stated that all was in order with nominations; memberships of all were in good standing.</p> <p>The single nominee for the Vice President position, Tamara Smith, spoke briefly regarding her commitment to foster parents in BC.</p> <p>**VOTING and COFFEE BREAK**</p>	
8. New Business	<p>M. Filiatrault put a motion forward.</p> <p>E. Seminowich put a motion forward.</p>	<p>MOTION (06/AGM/2015) to approach MCFD to have camping fees waived for foster parents at all Provincial Parks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>MOTION (07/AGM/2015) that BCFFPA request MCFD to be advising foster parents of all information about 54.1 including payment of legal fees.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>

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	<p>E. Seminowich put a motion forward.</p> <p>G. Burleigh</p>	<p>MOTION (08/AGM/2015) that BCFFPA lobby MCFD to ensure that all foster parents with overcapacity and sibling groups have all supports including relief and full level pay.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>MOTION (09/AGM/2015) that BCFFPA approach MCFD to negotiate an increase to maintenance for children in care.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
<p>9. Election Results</p>	<p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2015B-1 <i>Article IV: General Meetings; Section 1 – The Annual General Meeting</i></p> <p>The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of October in each year at a place within the Province and on a day to be fixed by the Board of Directors except where the membership, through a motion at a previous Annual General Meeting, directs the Board to another month.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p> <p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2015B-2 <i>Article IV: General Meetings; Section 6 – Mail-in Votes</i></p> <p>Mail-in votes will be accepted for Special Resolutions and Election of Officers and Directors except as stated in Article V, Section 2a, when one eligible nomination is received for a position. The incumbent is then considered elected by acclamation and no vote will take place.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p> <p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2015B-3 <i>Article V: Board of Directors; Section 2 – Officers</i></p> <p>a) (second paragraph) Potential Regional Delegates shall be identified from within their regions and referred to the Federation Board of Directors to establish eligibility. Regional Delegates represent the foster parents of their regions at the provincial table. Associate members, selected to hold positions on the Federation Board of Directors, shall have full voting privileges during their term of office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(recommended by Board of Directors) Not Passed</p>	

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	<p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2015B-3a <i>Article V: Board of Directors; Section 2 – Officers</i></p> <p>a) (second paragraph) The Regional Delegates shall be elected or appointed by the Regional Board or ratified by members of the Region, and shall represent the foster parents of those regions at the provincial table. Regional Delegates must be a member in good standing and must be associated to a Local board or community of foster parents within their Region. Associate members, selected to hold positions on the Federation Board of Directors, shall have full voting privileges during their term of office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(proposed by 2 members) Not Passed</p> <p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2015B-4 <i>Article V: Board of Directors; Section 3 – Appointment and Removal of Directors</i></p> <p>c) In the event of any member of the Board of Directors failing to attend two (2) Board meetings without being excused by the Executive Committee, then the Board shall have the option to declare a vacancy on the Board and may appoint a member to fill this vacancy. The Board of Directors shall have the further responsibility of appointing another member to fill any vacancy occurring on the Board for any other reason during its term of office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p> <p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2015B-5 <i>Article V: Board of Directors; Section 3 – Appointment and Removal of Directors</i></p> <p>e) Any Board Director whose behavior is in contravention of the Federation’s Code of Ethics or Harassment Policy will, upon receiving two (2) written warnings and a written notice of unanimous vote by the remaining Board Directors requiring the Director in contravention’s resignation, resign his or her position on the Board.</p> <p>Any person who has commenced legal, or any other proceedings against the Federation, or is otherwise a party adverse in interest in any legal or any other proceedings involving the Federation shall until such proceedings are fully resolved, be disqualified from becoming or acting as a Director or officer of the Federation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p>	<p>MOTION to destroy the election ballots.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>

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	<p><i>Election for Vice President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominee: Tamara Smith <p style="text-align: right;">Elected</p> <p>The Parliamentarian proposed a Motion to destroy the election ballots.</p>	
<p>10. Announcements and Adjournment</p>	<p>The President announced that this AGM's design was created with the feedback of last year's attendees and invited all to respond to the survey that would be distributed via e-mail. He invited all to attend the evening dinner/dance and auction.</p> <p>AGM 2016 will take place in Sun Peaks on September 30 – October 1, 2016.</p> <p>AGM 2015 Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.</p>	