



**Annual General Meeting  
October 1, 2016  
Coast Bastion Hotel  
Nanaimo, BC**

*In Attendance*

Russell Pohl, President  
Tamara Smith, Vice President  
Lance Bereck, Treasurer  
Kevin Daniel, Interior Delegate  
Tanya Tagmann, North Delegate  
Victor Elkins, Coast Fraser Delegate  
Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate  
Chad Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate  
Jayne Wilson, Executive Director

51 voting members present

*Absent*

Monica Buchanan, Secretary

*Guest Speaker*

Sara Poirier, Provincial Director's Youth Advisory Council Member

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m.

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

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Welcome and Introductions	<p>Elder, Louise White, of the Snuneymuxw First Nation offered a prayer in welcome.</p> <p>The Luau theme fundraiser was very successful! Everyone's generosity is so appreciated. Thanks were extended.</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 Life Award	<p>The President spoke at length on the positive work and impact that this year's recipient, Heather Bayes, has had on the BC fostering community. Heather Bayes' husband was unable to attend but the award will be presented to Heather's family in the next two weeks.</p>	
3. Guest Speaker	<p>Sara Poirier of the Provincial Director's Youth Advisory Council gave a moving speech about her experiences in foster care.</p>	
4. Housekeeping	<p>The President turned the meeting over to the Parliamentarian who reviewed the housekeeping items.</p> <p>a. Notice of annual meeting was provided in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Notice provided in the June (Summer) 2016 issue of FosterlineBC newsletter</li> <li>➤ Notice provided on the BCFPPA website</li> <li>➤ Notice provided by e-mail</li> </ul> <p>b. A quorum of at least 25 voting members were present (51 voting members in assembly)</p> <p>c. The Agenda was passed by the assembly.</p> <p>d. The Standing Rules (Rules of Order) were adopted by the assembly.</p>	<p><b>MOTION (01/AGM/16)</b> to approve the Agenda as presented. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (02/AGM/16)</b> to approve the Standing Rules (Rules of Order). <b>Carried</b></p>

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	<p>e. The Tellers Committee members were assigned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ronda Sweeney, BCFFPA</li> <li>➤ Wanda Smith, MCFD</li> <li>➤ Brian Tipper, Brian Tipper Inc.</li> </ul> <p>f. The Minutes of AGM 2015 were accepted as circulated.</p>	<p><b>MOTION (03/AGM/16)</b> to accept the Minutes of AGM 2015 as circulated.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
5. Reports	<p><i>President's Report – Russell Pohl</i> The President was requested to invite Lance and Marie Bereck to speak. They spoke on community advocacy during a difficult challenge between MCFD and the foster parent community. They recognized Kate Spangl (Axis Family Resources), Russell Pohl and Tamara Smith for their work towards resolution. BCFFPA's support statistics were noted and there was an appeal for funding for our advocacy program.</p> <p>The President provided his report, referred to the AGM Report and answered questions.</p> <p><i>Auditor's Report – Brian Tipper</i> The Auditor presented his report. Noted a higher AGM cost in 2015 due to the location. Camps for Kids expense down as the application numbers have dropped.</p> <p>The Parliamentarian presented Motions to accept the Audited Financial Statements as provided and to appoint the Auditor for next year.</p>	<p><b>MOTION (04/AGM/16)</b> to accept the 2015-2016 fiscal Audited Financial Statements as provided by Brian Tipper Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (05/AGM/16)</b> that Brian Tipper Inc. be appointed auditor for BCFFPA for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and that the Board of Directors be authorized to fix the remuneration for these services.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
6. Special Resolutions	Due to a process issue within the provincial office the deadline for distribution of the Special Resolutions was missed. None were critical changes and they will be put forward for a vote next year.	
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 Secretary position, Chad Hooker, has the position by acclamation. Both candidates for the President position, Marcy Perron and Russell Pohl, provided brief presentations to the assembly.</p> <p><b>**VOTING and COFFEE BREAK**</b></p>	
8. New Business	M. Murdoch presented a motion. Discussion followed.	<p><b>MOTION (06/AGM/16)</b> that BCFFPA Board further facilitate the steps to forming a union or joining a union that will represent the best interests of foster parents in BC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>

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	<p>V. King presented a motion. Discussion followed.</p> <p>L. Bereck presented a motion.</p> <p>O. Hall presented a motion. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Y. Langlois presented a motion.</p> <p>E. Seminowich presented a motion. Discussion followed.</p> <p>K. Daniel presented a motion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION (07/AGM/16)</b> that BCFFPA establish a working committee of 6 foster parents to assess the possible unionization of foster parents. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (08/AGM/16)</b> that the Board of Directors pursue funding for a least one full time position (or two half time positions) for a support and advocacy person within the Provincial BCFFPA. The position would oversee the BCFFPA's Provincial and Regional support and advocacy network and manage the collection of data pertaining to said support and advocacy. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (09/AGM/16)</b> The BCFFPA request opportunities from MCFD for foster parents to attend and speak at training events held for Ministry staff with the purpose of educating the staff regarding our experiences as foster parents. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (10/AGM/16)</b> that BCFFPA approach MCFD to renegotiate a new Provincial Protocol Document. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (11/AGM/16)</b> that BCFFPA look at the inconsistency of pay at all levels, overages, sibling group and multiple contracts. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (12/AGM/16)</b> to have BCFFPA talk to MCFD regarding foster parent files; that nothing should be placed on their file without foster parent knowledge and without foster parent</p>

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	<p>G. Burleigh presented a motion.</p> <p>Y. Langlois presented a motion. Much discussion followed.</p> <p>C. Lacombe presented a motion.</p> <p>C. Lacombe presented a motion. Discussion followed.</p> <p>S. Beyer presented a motion.</p> <p>M. Petit presented a motion.</p>	<p>signature. And there should be a statute of limitations. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (13/AGM/16)</b> that BCFFPA look into how and why the MCFD can combine separate contracts for mileage. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (14/AGM/16)</b> to request that BCFFPA review the service payment to foster parents, to let us know what the breakdown is. Foster parent responsibility and Ministry's responsibility. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (15/AGM/16)</b> that BCFFPA negotiate the cost of living increase in maintenance and fee for service retroactive as of the last cost of living increase. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (16/AGM/16)</b> that BCFFPA look into central calling system for after hours. The current system is not working. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (17/AGM/16)</b> to have BCFFPA meet with MCFD to establish a consistency provincially across contracts (insurance riders excluded, foster parents being given only their payment page, plans of care not existing but contractually obliged to follow). <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (18/AGM/16)</b> that BCFFPA take this survey [about access to relief] and distribute it to all foster parents in BC. <b>Carried</b></p>

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	<p>M. Petit presented a motion.</p> <p>L. Lachmuth presented a motion.</p> <p>J. Macfarlane presented a motion. Discussion followed.</p> <p>A member (name note noted) presented a motion.</p> <p>L. Lachmuth presented a motion. Explanation of current service contract followed Motion 22/AGM/16).</p>	<p><b>MOTION (18a/AGM/16)</b> for BCFFPA to take the results of the province wide survey to the Ministry with the purpose of collaborating and creating a new relief system, that supports foster parents, reflects what in is the best interest of the child, and creates more stability for children and youth in care. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (19/AGM/16)</b> to request the BCFFPA Directors advocate to MCFD and Aboriginal Agencies to develop training for foster parents specific to developing permanence for children and working with families and implement the involvement of foster parents/caregivers at the earliest stage of permanence development. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (20/AGM/16)</b> that the BCFFPA, through discussion with MCFD, determine one consistent day of each month that maintenance and fee for service payment is direct deposited. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (21/AGM/16)</b> that BCFFPA investigate if there is equity of payment support between MCFD and delegated agencies. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MOTION (22/AGM/16)</b> that due to the dissolution of the FAFP, BCFFPA respectfully ask Aboriginal caregivers to support, advocate and represent Aboriginal caregivers and seek additional funding from MCFD to do this work. <b>Not Carried</b></p>

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9. Election Results	<p><i>Election for Secretary</i>  Nominee: Chad Hooker <b>Elected (Acclamation)</b></p> <p><i>Election for President</i>  Nominee: Marcy Perron -- 53 votes <b>Elected</b></p> <p>Nominee: Russell Pohl -- 45 votes</p> <p>The Parliamentarian proposed a Motion to destroy the election ballots.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to destroy the election ballots.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
10. Announcements and Adjournment	<p>The President stated that he is proud of all of these new action items and the current work being done by the Federation. He reminded everyone about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary joint AGM/Conference with Canadian Foster Family Association in Whistler in 2017.</p> <p>AGM 2016 Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.</p>	