



**Board of Directors
September 22, 2020
Conference Call**

In Attendance

Marcy Perron, President
Julie Holmlund, Treasurer
Kevin Daniel, Secretary
Jeanette Dyer, Coast Fraser Delegate
Raquel Lesieur, Interior Delegate
Ronda Sweeney, Office Manager
Jayne Wilson, Executive Director

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:32 p.m.

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

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Report</i> Not a lot to report with summer just ending. A few foster parents have voiced concern regarding returning to school during a pandemic. Those who had considered home schooling were told that they would lose the child's place in school and would have to wait for a space before registering again. Home school registration through the school district isn't available.</p> <p>Zoom meetings are still taking place and people are just returning to their routines. ICS is providing Safe Babies and trainings on other topics.</p> <p>The Kootenays reported protocols and Quality of Care investigations. One foster parent stepped down and another received a sanction letter.</p> <p>3 high needs babies came into care in one week in Williams Lake area. This is very unusual.</p> <p>Kelowna beds are all full and some homes are in overage.</p> <p>Provincial AGM information has been distributed to the area and questions answered. The Regional Board is doing their AGM meeting through Zoom.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Report</i> No branch meetings in quite a while though 3 members of the executive team are meeting regularly as a social group. When and how to gather is currently a challenge.</p> <p>12 children came into care in one week. All beds in Mission are full. Only 1.5 FTE social workers to fill the needs for the community. There have been contract and pay problems again (likely due to lack of workers). Delegate sorted out the issue directly with Victoria.</p>	

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	<p>Foster parents with school aged children are concerned about flu season and if children have to stay home, foster parents will need to engage babysitters. Are hopeful that the Ministry will provide additional funding if a child has to stay home. Would prefer that this arrangement is in place in advance.</p> <p>Many foster parents have an “I don’t care anymore” attitude, which is disappointing. One foster parent who required support wasn’t aware of the Solutions Program. Clarified that we continue to advertise the service through social media and newsletter, but we can’t make people read the materials that are sent out.</p>	<p>ACTION ED will send an enquiry to MCFD Abbotsford to see about funding for babysitters if needed.</p>
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changed to the Minutes of June 23, 2020 meeting.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of June 23, 2020 meeting. M/S/C Jeanette/Raquel</p>
3. Agenda	Some notes added under ED’s report.	
4. President’s Report	<p>The policy work incorporating the foster parent rights has been completed and is making its way through the approvals process. Last we heard it was at the leadership level. An election was called this week which will more than likely slow down that work.</p> <p>Jayne is waiting to hear back from MCFD to confirm activity level moving forward during the election period.</p>	
5. Staff Update	<p><i>Pandemic Remote Work Update</i> ED provided summary of who is working in the office and who is working from home. Since July we have encouraged all in the lower mainland to come to the office twice each week. 2 are full time, 1 is coming in on Tuesdays and Fridays and 1 hasn’t been to the office since the first week of July due to concerns about contracting COVID and inability to get a ride to work.</p> <p><i>AGM Update</i> AGM registration is coming along. People have until tomorrow to register. We have past quorum but only have about 50 registered for the AGM overall.</p> <p>We’ve received 5 donations for door prizes and will supplement with additional baskets. Will be confirming registrations for online attendance with email and Zoom link.</p> <p>Question: how will we ensure that those who have already voted with a mail in ballot don’t vote online?</p>	

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	<p>We know who has voted with a mail in ballot. We will be able to cross check that with those who are registered for joining us through Zoom and we can also do a tally of the total votes. Overall though, we will rely on the honor system.</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	<p>Financial statements for August 2020 are in order.</p> <p>We received a donation for \$510 for the Solutions Program through Canadahelps.</p> <p>We have received notification that BCFFPA is to receive 10% of an estate once probate is complete.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the Penticton Branch financial exchange details.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the August 2020 financial statements as presented. M/S/C Jeanette/Kevin</p> <p>ACTION bring forward the Penticton discussion to the AGM Board meeting. Include materials sent via email.</p>
7. Executive Director's Report	<p>The service proposal is in process. With the election taking place, it's unlikely that review of the proposal will happen until a new government is in place. The election means that MCFD's communications and activities slow right down in preparation for a new government.</p> <p>We have been invited to submit a short video and written supplement to a lower mainland group (requesting that their name not be advertised) for a sizable donation. The submission is due on September 25th.</p> <p>Further discussion needed at the AGM Board meeting regarding the Branch and Regional structure vis a vis our new Bylaws.</p> <p>Requested that Board members forward topics for the AGM Board meeting for the agenda.</p> <p>The Camps for Kids application deadline was extended to the end of August. 5 families applied for 5 children. A total of \$1500 was requested.</p>	<p>MOTION to approve the Camps for Kids bursary applications totalling \$1500 for the following applicants: A. McPhillips C. Clutchey M. Perron B. Cook S. Mirza M/S/C Jeanette/Kevin</p>
8. Ongoing Business	<p><i>Recruitment of Board Members for North and Island</i> Will place this topic on the AGM Board meeting agenda for further planning.</p>	
9. New Business	No new business.	
11. Next Meeting	October 2 nd , 2020 at Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.	