

BCFFPA Board of Directors
Teleconference Summary
July 14, 2008

1. Acceptance of Minutes June 9, 2008 – Accepted as written
2. Additions/Changes
 - a. Add Code of Ethics under Old Business
3. Regional Reports
 - a. Fraser – Macro is being developed. The first meeting is September 11, 2008.
 - b. North – Ongoing critical shortage of foster homes with many inconsistencies between offices within the different areas. MCFD no longer supplies a clothing grant for children coming into care; the foster parents are being told to access the local thrift stores. President to address with MCFD.
 - c. Interior –. There may be twice yearly meeting with the CSMs going forward. The meetings will include the RED. Issues addressed with MCFD include the need to treat foster parents as equals. The region is still waiting for reimbursement of childcare expenses agreed to by MCFD to allow foster parents to attend the BCFFPA AGM in May
 - d. Island – Most foster parent are taking the summer off. There was a June 19th partnership meeting which the rep attended. There are issues arising on the island with regard to allegations being put in CIC files as well as foster parent files. Foster Parents are encouraged to keep very clear and accurate records in order to protect themselves. The President to follow up. An appointment will be made in the fall for a face to face between the President and PGT.
4. President's Report
 - a. Upcoming meetings
 - i. Meeting with Minister Christensen scheduled for July 22, 2008 at his request
 - ii. Sandra Griffin the new ADM has requested a meeting with the President in Kelowna at the end of the month..
 - iii. Insurance training will be taking place in the fall at various locations around the province.
 - iv. The board approved \$750 per month for the hiring of a grant writer.
 - b. Updates
 - i. A new treasurer is available. He is currently an accountant, and is willing to take on the appointment until the next AGM.
 - ii. CFFA – The CFFA would like to do a face to face. Alberta will cover accommodation costs for BC Delegates to attend, however a request was made to have the Federation cover transportation costs.

01/07/2008: MSC: (S. Davis) **Move to cover up to \$1,200 in costs to have the BCFFPA Delegates to CFFA attend a face-to-face meeting October 15-16 in Alberta. carried**

02/07/2008: MSC: (L. Dol) **Move to add to Policy and Procedures “ newly appointed board members can take out a membership at the time of their appointment but must remain in good standing going forward. Unanimous**

02/07/2008: MSC: (H. Bayes) **Move to hire Treena Innes to write grant proposals beginning September 15 for a period of 6 months ending February 28, 2008 at a cost of \$750.00 per month. Unanimous**

5. Policy Development

- a. Membership policy - Process will be developed to deal with the ongoing poor behaviour of some members. S. Davis and H. Bayes to work on.
- b. Donation Policy – S. Davis brought forward the following motion

04/07/2008: MST: (S. Davis) **Move that a Log Book is to be kept to enter every donation received by the BCFFPA. Whether the item is a cheque, cash or "in kind", there must be an entry in the Log Book. The columns should include: the date received, by whom, short description of the item, specified usage if applicable, disposition of the item (eg. banked, used in office, used as a prize for a event, auctioned, unusable & returned to donor or thrown out), along with the date of disposition & approved & signed by the Executive Director.**

Further to this, if the item has a value of \$100.00 or greater and it's disposition wasn't decided prior to receiving the donation, then the Board should be consulted and included in the decision process.

S. Davis, H. Bayes, and ED to work on this and bring forward in September.

- c. Executive Job Description – S.Davis is still working on this issue. BF in September

6. Bursaries

- a. Bursary winners have been chosen and will be informed shortly
- b. Kids Up Front – H.Bayes and D.Drewitz have discussed this. S. Davis was assigned to take the lead on this issue. A final decision will be made in September.
- c. Motions – Board members were asked to work on the motions assigned to them and bring them forward in September.

05/07/2008: MSC: (L. Dol) **Move to cancel the Special Needs Athletic Bursary due to lack of interest. Carried**

- d. D. Drewitz clarified who can be part of a macro board. The board felt that another society could not be part of the board, that it should be a BCFFPA local only. Further discussion in September

Next Conference Call September 15, 9:30-11:30