

AGM 2007

Motions

01/AGM/2007: MSC: (Jill Beech) **Move that the Annual Report contain all the data related to:**

- 1. Number of memberships for the Province by region**
- 2. Telephone calls related to the toll free line**
- 3. Calls received and referred to the regions**

**This will be reinstated**

02/AGM/2007:MSC: (Sheila Davis) **We resolve to ask the BCFFPA to look into variances in contract rates throughout the province.**

**The board is investigating this motion**

03/AGM/2007:MSD: (Kula Zervos) **Move that there be additional reps for large regions (i.e. Fraser Valley)**

**There are no funds available to cover costs for an additional rep for larger areas**

04/AGM/2007:MSC: (Wendy Sutherland) **The BCFFPA continue to actively develop an information form for foster parents to give feedback to the child's social worker on the quality of service received as per motion #13 from the 2006 BCFFPA AGM.**

**This has been completed and posted on the BCFFPA web site**

05/AGM/2007:MSC: (Heather Bayes) **Move that the BCFFPA develop a joint training module with MCFD on triangulation and the impact on the fostering of the youth in care.**

**MCFD went forward in the Interior and developed their own model which the BCFFPA has asked to share.**

06/AGM/2007: MSC: ( Lila Lachmuth) **Move that the BCFFPA do some type of clarification with lending agencies regarding foster income. This is because many foster parents have difficulty securing mortgages etc. because lending agencies, banks etc. are confused about our method of income.**

**This is completed and posted on the BCFFPA web site**

07/AGM/2007: MSC: (Wendy Sutherland) **BCFFPA actively pursue discussion with MCFD with respect to increasing the length of our contracts**

**Motion amended to read "extend the term of the contract" Amendment carried**

**MCFD will not increase the length of contracts at this time**

08/AGM/2007:MSC: (Holly Golanowski) **Since the increase in the maintenance, gas has increased again and will continue to increase. Therefore we are requesting an immediate increase in the maintenance to allow for the increase in the cost for gas. The wording in the original motion was struck and replaced with “increase in the km rate and a decrease in the minimum km allotted” – carried**

**Foster Parent maintenance and service payments have increased. Mileage amounts have been changed to .30 per km from .25 with a limit of 320 km**

09/AGM/2007: MSC: (Helen Hofer) **The BCFFPA ask the ministry to immediately notify foster parents who have been accused of an allegation what the allegation is about.**

The wording of the motion was amended from “**immediately**” to “**within 24 hours and within normal business hours and to be confirmed in writing and delivered by hand or registered mail.**”

**It was again amended to “within 3 business days – to be confirmed in writing and delivery by hand or registered mail.” Carried with amendments**

**This has been addressed with MCFD under the foster parent rights document**

10/AGM/2007:MSC: (Stan Beech) **The BCFFPA ask the MCFD for an automatic cost of living increase annually and provide us with a report at the next AGM.**

The Ministry increased maintenance and service payments and is not willing to include a COLA at this time.

11/AGM/2007: MSC: (Jill Beech) **Move that whereas the BCFFPA is the recognized voice for all foster parents, I move that a member of each contracted agency be a participant in the BCFFPA teleconferences after the business is concluded**

**The Board looked further into this and it was determined that the cost would be prohibitive**

12/AGM/2007: MCS: (Heather Bayes) **The BCFFPA explore with the legal system of BC the reasons for the extended timelines for adoption and to investigate methods to speed up the process**

**The BCFFPA is working with the Adoptive Families Association on this issue**

13/AGM/2007:MSC: (Esther Swanson) **The BCFFPA look into developing a province wide summer camp program for BC Children in Care.**

**The board decided to stay with the current Camps For Kids Program.. In the mean time, there web page allows for donations to support a summer camp. There are also liability, insurance, and staffing issues to be considered. The board decided not to move forward with this issue for the foreseeable future.**

**14/AGM/2007:MSC (Lila Lachmuth) The BCFFPA develop some formalized type of urgent response system to assist foster parents (families) during tragedy**

**There was a committee struck to address this, however it has not come to fruition to date**

**15/AGM/2007: MSC (Holly Golanowski) BCFFPA negotiate with MCFD to set up paid positions for a communication/Advocate worker**

**BCFFPA has been in discussion with MCFD to allow for this, however MCFD feels that the foster parent support agencies fulfill this role already so does not wish to persue it at this time.**