

# CBCVO AGM MEETING

McConnell Library, Sydney, NS

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Members of the Board in attendance: Susan Plath (treasurer), Donna White (Secretary), Peter MacIntyre (Chair), Geoff Carre, Murdoch Moore (Vice Chair), Michelle Bartram. Absent: Mel Clark who was elected in 2012 but did not participate in any board activities.

Members: Approximately 10 Members from various groups also were in attendance.

1. Welcome – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Peter MacIntyre, Chair gave an overview of what has been happening in the past year. Also gave an update on key activities planned for 2013-14, including hosting a conference and establishing the leaders' table as a group for dialogue with the sector.

The board undertook a bylaw review, revealing that several small modifications that were required to bring the bylaws up to date. The changes do not affect the nature or operations of CBCVO, but were considered housekeeping changes. Moved by the Board to adopt the revised bylaws, seconded by Angus MacIntyre. Carried unanimously.

In conjunction with the discussion of bylaws, the Board was asked to review the idea of a 'lifetime' membership report on it at the next AGM.

3. Geoff Carre circulated a membership list for everyone to have a look at and add any organization that may be missing.

4. Susan gave an overview of the Income statements for the year end March 31, 2013 and the balance sheet at the end of March 31, 2013. The account has very little activity given that most activates of the Board do not incur costs. The report was received by the membership with no questions or changes. This report will be forward to the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks, as must be done each year to retain our status as a registered society.

There was discussion about the membership fees and membership year. It was decided that the membership year will be on a calendar year basis (January – December). The annual fee of \$24 has been waived at the AGM in recent years. It was moved by the Susan to re-introduce the fee for 2014, seconded by Murdoch. Carried unanimously.

7. Donna White and Michelle Bartram retired from the board, their contributions were acknowledged. Donna was thanked for serving as secretary for the past few years.

New nominees for the Board- Margie Gillis, Laura Syms. Call for nominations from the floor yielded no further nominations after 3 calls. The chair declared all nominated candidates elected to the board: Peter MacIntyre, Murdoch Moore, Susan Plath, Geoff Carre, Laura Syms, and Margie Gillis.

8. John MacEachern - Guest Speaker, talked about his experience as a member of the provincial legislature, in opposition, in government, and in cabinet. His observations about effective ways to engage with political leaders were very well received. John recommended that groups understand themselves and articulate their contribution to the community – tell your story effectively. Pressure politicians to defend their record of supporting the groups in the sector. Work with people of all political affiliations, get to know the people in government as people. Interact with government at various times of the year, not just when asking for budgets. Remember that increasing funding in one area often means, or can be seen to mean, reducing somebody else's funding. This tendency produces pressure not to change the list of funded groups too dramatically from one year to another; nobody wants to lose. John concluded with the observation that groups should do what they do and invite others to join them on the way.

Meeting adjourned.

Next AGM meeting will be in June 2014.