

Cape Breton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations
Board Meeting – November 8, 2013
Cape Breton University, Rm259

In attendance: Peter MacIntyre; Murdoch Moore; Geoff Carre; Margie Gillis; Laura Syms

Regrets: Susan Plath

[Material provided by Susan submitted by email on November 6]

1. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved; no additions
2. October 11 minutes Error in 3.e - should be FOCO [Federation of Community Organizations]. Minutes, as corrected, approved.
3. Business arising:
 - a. Research and awareness project on community information: Peter discussed possibility of creating an “index” that would report on and measure “health” of selected organization. Discussion ensued about how best to determine local organizational needs. Determined that we should think about best strategy for research etc and come back to next meeting to discuss.
 - b. Murdoch reported on “Network of Networks”[NoN]meeting. NoN working on “volunteer passport”. Group updates. Comments on the CBCVO Sept conference positive, especially Margie’s presentation. Murdoch sees value in attending.
4. Discussion of strategy with the new Minister of Voluntary Sector: Peter suggested engaging by organizing an event with an invitation to Minister and involve Sector Council. Margie suggested connection between third sector and community resiliency. Geoff suggested giving examples of successful communities on web site. Peter will prepare a brief and request a meeting with Minister Labi Kousoulis and senior staff.
5. Margaree community session on effective meetings, to be held November 16. To date there are four registrations in addition to the Board of the Sunset Funeral Co-op.

6. Relationship with Sector Council rep(s): Peter had meeting with Tayna Andrews, employee on new Sector Council.
7. Future workshop and conference plans:
 - a. "Legal Issues for Non-Profits - Wednesday, December 4th, 6:30pm - 8:00 pm. Greg Rushton, Breton Law Group, is facilitator. It will probably be in Breton Law Group's board room. Confirmed that we can start advertising.
 - b. Debbie Brennick will offer workshop in January on due diligence and risk management in January
 - c. Peter asked whether there should be an annual conference. Now is the time to start planning theme et.al. Perhaps look at sports nonprofits – what are they doing right; lessons to be learned.
8. CBCVO Financial Update [Susan]: Balance at the end of September 2013 was \$12,345.21. Since, the catering for the conference was paid [\$534.29], as well as conference expenses incurred by Susan [\$56.99]. Current balance \$11, 753.93.
9. Other Business:
 - a. New Memberships: Cape Breton Regional Library and Transition House Foundation.
10. Next meeting: December 13, 10am at CBU
11. Meeting adjourned 12:30pm