

Cape Breton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations
Board Meeting
Minutes - January 10, 2014
Cape Breton University, RMCC259

In attendance: Peter; Geoff; Margie; Susan; Murdoch; Laura
Guest: Eric Leviten-Reid

1. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved
2. Approval of Minute: Geoff suggested including the names of those who attended.
3. Business arising:
 - a. Research and awareness project on community information: Specific to a directory of organizations, the Registry of Joint Stock Companies database is proposed as a source of information for compiling a directory of “societies” in Cape Breton. Peter and Laura will contact the Registry. Susan will contact Kim Bedeck about how organizations [nonprofit, voluntary] were defined in Glace Bay directory.
4. New Business:
 - a. Eric Leviten-Reid(guest): Discussed Engage Nova Scotia, an incorporated charitable organization. The proposition is to promote and foster Nova Scotians’ participation and engagement in designing and building future. Developed over last 18 months by Danny Graham and others. Notion is to create provincial learning community i.e. workshops, web site plus tangible local initiatives. Proposed developing a local project that is resident-led and asset-based. Jim Mustard has been working with such model in Inverness area. Eric indicated there is a place for on the ground, local direct actions as well as macro and policy discussions. Reps from Engage Nova Scotia will be in Cape Breton January 20-21 to meet with interested people. Eric proposed that CBCVO meet with reps on Monday, January 20. Eric will provide meeting details.

- b. Fallout from www.cbcvo.ca problems: Discussion about switching servers from Hostpapa. CBCVO does not have subscription for backup with Hostpapa. Motion passed that Peter will investigate to determine, with Hostpapa, whether CBCVO can retroactively purchase a backup from Hostpapa. Geoff suggested we move to another server. He will investigate and pursue the restoration of the site.
5. Discussion of strategy with the new Minister of voluntary sector:
 - a. Sector survey is on hold until mailing list is re-established.
6. Workshop and conferences
 - a. Future plans for workshops & conference – Susan will confirm date of Debbie Brennick’s workshop which will probably be in February. Workshops on volunteer management and risk management will be organized. Murdoch reported on Dec. 4 workshop “Legal Issues for Nonprofits”[Greg Rushton] . Attendance may have been affected by weather.
 - b. Research and awareness project on community information: Discussion on need for research on nonprofit sector as well as directory type of information.
 - c. Email from Tim Menk regarding need for public involvement in policy making: Members received Tm Menk’s email. It will also be forwarded to Eric Leviten.
 - d. Leader’s table meeting: Susan will arrange meeting for sector senior staff, boards’ chairs and/or designates
7. Update on regular CB Post column on the sector: No response from CB Post yet.
8. CBCVO Financial Update: Bank statement for December is not yet rec’d. No expenses in December and. Balance as of November 30 was \$17,732.30.
9. Next meeting: February 14, 10am CC254
10. Adjournment, meeting adjourned 12:13pm.