

Cape Breton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations
Board Meeting –February 21, 2014
Cape Breton University, Rm CC259

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

1. Approval of agenda: Two items added. Agenda approved, as amended.
2. Approval of minutes: Bank balance is \$11,732. Minutes approved, as amended.
3. Business arising
 - a. Web site problems: Web site will be hosted by Green Geeks. This company will provide backup. New site should be up by February 24.
 - b. Mailing list reconstruction: Geoff is reconstructing the mailing list and will be operational once the web site is up
 - c. Engage NS meeting update: Peter and Margie attended meeting held at CBU on January 20. At this point the initiative is seeking to building networks without establishing its own focus until after fact finding meetings are held.
 - d. Contacting joint stocks re: number of nonprofits in the area: Request to Joint Stocks will be submitted shortly. Peter will work on wording of request. Susan submitted Stats Canada's definition of a nonprofit[National Survey of Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations] for CBCVO to consider for its criteria.
 - e. Update on regular CB Post column on the sector: CBCVO is on the short list for new columns. CBP editor likes the topics submitted, but wants the column written by and attributed to one person. A survey of members on suitable topics for a column will be set up once web site is operational.
4. Ongoing discussions
 - a. Sector survey, seeking approval: Draft survey will be approved by CBCVO Board and then by submitted to Susan and Tanya of the Sector Council. Susan suggested the Council be approached about leading collaborative research, with CBCVO, on the state of the nonprofit sector in Cape Breton.

- b. Ongoing research and awareness project on community information: Susan will approach ECBC into possibility of funding for study on non-profit sector in Cape Breton. CBRM[John Whalley] will also be approached. Susan suggests that CBCVO make a presentation to CBRM on March 21 budget discussion to advocate for the sector making CBRM aware of impact. Margie suggested that perhaps CBCVO should consider a community foundation approach and seek to inform CBRM of the importance of the non-profit sector to the municipality.
5. Workshop, conferences and AGM:
- a. Future plans for leader's table, workshops & conference: Leaders' table was discussed. Peter suggested approaching downtown hotel to donate space. Agenda will include the rationale for Leaders' Table, a forum for CEO's to exchange ideas etc. Susan will try for a meeting from 10am-12pm. CBCVO will budget up to \$250 for this Leaders' Table meeting. Motion moved by Margie moved. Seconded by Murdoch. Motion carried.
 - b. Conference planning: Peter, Susan and Murdoch will plan. Multipurpose room at CBU will be booked tentatively for September 26.
 - c. AGM planning- Peter asked individuals to consider Board nominees. Peter will ask Iain MacNeil to speak. AGM will be in early June.
6. CBCVO financial update: Susan reported balance \$11,728.30
7. New business:
- a. Volunteer Canada – renewal: CBCVO will not renew \$100 membership.
 - b. Support request: Request for help from individuals from a group who are having difficulty with their Board. Consensus is that it is not a CBCVO issue.
8. Next meeting: March 14, 10am
9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 12:08pm