

Cape Breton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations
Board Meeting – Minutes
October 17, 2014 11:00am
Townhouse, Glace Bay

In attendance: Murdoch Moore; Susan Plath; Peter Macintyre; Geoff Carre; Eric Leviten Reid;
Laura Syms

Regrets: Margie Gillis

1. Agenda approved
2. Minutes of May 14 approved (Murdoch moved, seconded by Susan)
3. Workshop, conferences and AGM
 - a. CBCVO Conference, dealing with postponement: Discussion on conference agenda. It is decided to run 2-3 separate workshops on different dates on different themes. i.e. youth engagement involving Tanya Brann Barrett, Marcie MacKay, and Debbie Brennick. Also one on board engagement of volunteers, another announcing the research results.
 - i. Possible research grant opportunity: Peter discussed a SSHRC program [Connections] for funding a large conference[\$50k] . Proposal has to be fully developed and may be a proposition for developing a CBCVO conference for next year.
 - b. Leader's Table and involving the Prosperity Framework - next steps: This will give opportunity for other sectors to see the opportunities and challenges offered by/to the non-profit sector. Ian will be approached about involving the Leaders' Table. Eric asked whether there is also value in retaining a Leaders Table. Agreed. Peter will investigate prospective topics
 - c. Workshops for 2014-15
 - i. Eric indicated interest in having workshop on the Northside for board development. Peter will connect with Mae Rowe to determine interest in offering workshop.

- d. Information from Sector Council, Network of Networks, etc. Neither Murdoch nor Peter have had any update from either Sector Council or Network of Networks.
4. Research Project
- a. Update on status and results: Eric received file from 211 with organizational information. Also got directory from George Karaphillis on social enterprises. Also discussed with Imagine Canada ways of getting info on charities on the Island.
 - b. Using the research in pre-budget consultations: Peter asked whether CBCVO should sponsor a joint meeting with CBRM non-profits on a CBRM pre-budget consultation. Susan suggested making it the next Leaders Table. Agreed this is a good idea.
5. Developing Awards for “Community Cooperative Initiatives”
- a. The idea would be to recognize and acknowledge groups who are making efforts to cooperate with each other, share resources, invest in partnerships that improve the community, and so on. This might recognize groups who break out of individual silos and competitive frames of mind with concrete actions.
 - b. Is there interest in forming a working group? Murdoch suggested it should be explored. Peter suggested email exchange before the next meeting to explore. Item will be added to the agenda of next meeting for discussion.
6. CBCVO Financial Update: \$10,342.00 to Sept 30/14
7. Next meeting: November 14, 10:00am
8. Meeting adjourned: 12:46pm