

Cape Breton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations
Board Meeting – Friday March 13, 2015
CBU, Psychology Focus Group Room (B-221-B)

In attendance: Peter MacIntyre, Geoff Carre, Margie Gillis, Laura Syms

Regrets: Susan Plath, Eric Leviten-Reid, Murdoch Moore

1. Approval of Agenda - Agenda, with additions, approved
2. Approval of Minutes - Margie moved, Peter seconded, minutes approved
3. Progress on the research project - (Peter) Peter described what has been done with CRA file. There has been no answer from Joint Stocks on request for information. The information from 211 is of limited value. Work will continue. When work is completed a community meeting will be scheduled.
4. Working on the idea of Awards for “Community Cooperative Initiatives” – Recognizing community groups that come together to achieve common goals. Some groups have come together out of financial and/or membership exigency. Peter recorded criteria for the recognition during meeting.
5. Workshop, conferences, and AGM –
 - a. No workshops are scheduled. Geoff will offer a workshop on the web and social media after the term is over. Maybe worth making it a half day workshop with Geoff, plus someone who uses facebook etc for promotion.
 - b. AGM – Scheduled for June 17. Peter will ask McConnell. Guest speaker was discussed. Webinar options were discussed as well as inviting Minister of Voluntary Sector
6. CBCVO Financial Update
 - a. Memberships for 2015 - Two memberships as of January. “Member” may not be the right concept. Perhaps we should those who consider the term/relationship of “affiliate”/”associate”. This may help us resolve CBCVO’s “mandate” issues
 - b. Balance- As of end of January, \$10, 058.01. [amended, in corrected minutes to \$10,358]

7. New Business –

- a. Voluntary boards treatment by CBRM – Margie mentioned CBRM’s recent interactions on North side with Northside business development association on Archibald’s field. Another example is the replacement of the Port Authority board.
 - b. Susan thanked Geoff for his work on Townhouse’s website
 - c. Report on Sector Council – Tanya Andrews reported the Sector’s funding is renewed for one more year. Peter asked about inviting Tanya to the next meeting to discuss.
 - d. Research follow-up to Eric’s work - RP possibility may be to look at additional factors effecting whole sector
 - e. CBRM Budget Consultation – CBCVO invited. Decided not to participate this year but next year would be good
 - f. Peter will contact Robin Campbell[Kings Co] about volunteer passport
 - g. Student placement –
 - i. Geoff will check with CBU SU on coordinating a volunteer bank
 - ii. The CBU BA is reviving the Co-Op option etc. – Conversation ensued on CBU’s involvement in community. Information on CBU’s newly developing student placement options, and wont for giving business students practical experience was shared. Geoff will collect info on all CBU’s initiatives to give students “real world experience”
8. Next meeting - April 10, 10am
9. Adjournment – 12:19pm