

Annapolis-Digby United Baptist Association
Council Meeting, September 3, 2005 (and Fall Assembly Minutes)

The Council of the Annapolis-Digby United Baptist Association met at the First Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal on Saturday, September 3.

Present: Cathy Batson, Mary Billard, Marion Garver, Vaughn Henshaw, George Mollins, Bernice MacLean, George Neily, John Purdy, Ron Purdy, Mark Reece, Wes Reece, Elizabeth Waugh.

Regrets: Rev. Ron Baxter, Fred Bigelow, Sharon Budd, Randy Legassie, Bill Patterson, Don Robertson, Dave Tramley.

Rev. John Purdy, Moderator, opened with a welcome, a prayer and a message based on 1 Timothy:6. John told of the success of Lance Armstrong, who has won the Tour de France bicycle race seven times because of his physical strength, experience, strategy and focus. We have experience, and with strategists in our Association, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish events of great meaning and significance individually and as an Association. We need to fight the good fight to be effective for the Lord.

MOTION # 1: M. Billard/B. MacLean, that the minutes of the June meeting be adopted as presented. **CARRIED.**

SPRING ASSOCIATION: The Association will meet on April 28. 29. 30, 2006. This will be a weekend event with Marilyn Smith, Executive Director of the Sharing Way, as our speaker. Plans for a luncheon on Friday are being made for the ABW/WMS, with Marilyn and for a dinner on Friday evening with the Association Pastors and spouses, with Marilyn as the speaker. Saturday sessions will be an all day event with a special focus on the work done by the Sharing Way. There will also be a special tribute to the WMS as it celebrates the work of these women in our Association. Sunday will see a special musical service with Marilyn as the key speaker. Mary and Bernice will co-chair a working group work, with power to add, on the ABW/WMS event to chronicle the history of the WMS over the years. The Executive and the Programme Committee will work on the location, logistics and other matters for the Spring Association. Photos, reports and memories of the WMS work are being requested from members to make a visual display for the weekend.

“SONG OF THE BORDERLAND”: This is a 7 week Mission based Bible Study from CBM on How to involve your church in effective mission education. The Council would like to see our churches take on the study in the spring. Some churches have already ordered the programme to do in the spring and others are being encouraged to do so. We hope to have a kit to view at the November meeting.

MOTION # 2: G. Neily/ B. MacLean, that the Mission Commission purchase 3 of the “Song of the Borderland” Kits at \$149.00 for each kit for use by churches in our Association, and see what kind of prices we can negotiate for additional booklets for participants. **CARRIED.**

After the Commissions returned from their individual meetings, a nutrition break was given before assembling for the Fall Association Business Meeting with members and delegates.

FALL ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING

The Moderator, John Purdy called the meeting to order and asked the clerk to read the Rules of Order. The clerk did this and opened with prayer.

The minutes of the Spring Association Meeting held in Hillgrove were presented to all delegates and Council.

MOTION #1: Billard/ Waugh, that the Minutes of the Spring Assembly be accepted as printed. **CARRIED.**

MOTION #2: Billard/ Palmer, that the Financial Report for the period from May 1 to September 3, 2005 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Rev. Tracy Grosse to Lic. Cathy Batson, asking that she transfer her licence from this Association to the African Association.

MOTION #3: Hayden/M. Reece, that the Clerk respond to the letter explaining that we do not transfer licences from one Association to another, but that Cathy can obtain a licence from the African Association when she meets with their Licensing Committee. **CARRIED.**

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Training: Rev. Elizabeth Waugh reported that a workshop entitled “**Reducing the Risk**” is scheduled for September 10th from 9:30 to 12. The facilitator will be Rev. Wayne Fevens. The workshop will cover abuse and liability topics and will be held at Bridgetown UBC. Please let Elizabeth know if you are attending. There is a Alpha Marriage Course Conference in Halifax on October 15th. We have the Course Materials for this within the Association, which may be

borrowed by churches. The material is presently at Middleton Church.

MOTION #4: Waugh/Palmer, that the Training Commission Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

Mission Commission: John Purdy reported that the Mission Commission looked at several items this morning. The commission has set up a budget for the next year and a Mission Commission Executive has been set up to review pastoral ministry Support Grants from the ABMB. Any church wishing to obtain a grant for full-time pastoral ministry should apply to Rev. George Neily.

The Commission has developed both short term and long term plans for themselves.

CBM is relaunching the CBM mission course, and the Commission is interested in seeing this used in our churches in the Association, so is purchasing 3 kits of the Mission Study, "Song of the Borderland", from CBM to be loaned to churches in the Association who might like to do the 7 week Bible study. The commission is working on the Spring Association with a Mission emphasis, featuring The Sharing Way, the Relief and Development arm of CBM. There are also plans for recognizing the UBWMU 100th Anniversary at the Spring Association to highlight our own ABW/WMS members and their role over the years in the life of our Association.

MOTION # 5: G. Neily,/B. McLean, that the report of the Mission Commission be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Witness & Evangelism: Mark Reece reported for this Commission and indicated that the Bulletin inserts had been sent out to churches, that they were being used and there are tentative plans for another series. We need to have a more visible witness in our communities, outside the church and suggestions were made to use the Christmas season to enter into witness to the communities we live in by taking part in parades and similar activities with a Christian emphasis. Technology is important and we have to be aware as to how the media affects and influences our people. We need to update the Web Page and perhaps an information e-letter might be one way of keeping churches up to date on what is going on in the Association. There is a Christian Radio station in Aylesford, at 101.1 Fm. The power does not allow the transmission to extend much beyond Kingston, but having a Christian Radio service in the Valley is a positive sign that it may grow into something more. Tidal Impact, our Youth Summer event, usually held in New Brunswick, will have an impact on the Valley and this Association as events are being planned for Middleton as well as other valley locations. This will make it easier for youth in our Association to participate in some super events next summer.

MOTION # 6: M. Reece/ R. Purdy, that the report from the Witness and Evangelism Commission be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

CONVENTION REPORT:

Joyce Hirtle, from Bear River Baptist, was our Convention delegate this year. Joyce gave a brief outline of convention events and business passed. Dr. Ralph Richardson is the new Vice President; a 3 million dollar budget was passed, the music and worship events were superb. She thanked the Association for sending her to Convention and answered other questions about the programme and speakers.

MOTION # 7: Hirtle/Palmer, that the report from the Convention delegate be accepted as given **CARRIED.**

CAMP KINGSWOOD: David Longley reported that the camp had a successful summer with a "Boot Camp" training for all paid staff and volunteers. There is strong interest in the camp and within the Board. A sub-committee interviews everyone who works there. Some small issues have been addressed and there are plans for some interesting things in the future.

MOTION #8: Longley/ M. Reece, that the report from Camp Kingswood be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

ORDINATIONS: Lic. Danny Smith at Middleton Church on Friday, October 21 and Lic. Mark Reece on October 27th at Paradise Baptist Church.

No reports from Regional Ministers.

With no further business, Bernice MacLean moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Billard, Clerk

**Next Council Meeting will be on NOVEMBER 26th,
at 9:00am at First Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal.**