

**Minutes: Eastern Valley Baptist Association**  
**Fall Meeting, November 13, 2010**

Windsor United Baptist Church

The meeting opened with a Welcome from the Host Pastor, the Rev. Jeff White. He then led in a devotion speaking on Integral Mission using Luke 14.18-19 as his basis. Integral Mission is to the whole person – at home and around the world. He closed his devotion in prayer.

The Moderator, the Rev. Ellen Hunt, took the Chair.

She opened the meeting with Prayer.

She welcomed new pastors to the area – Donna Spark; Laurie Perrin and Mary Grace Hawkes

A welcome was also extended to the Rev. Alex Mosher, visiting from NB; as well Regrets were received from the Rev. Barbara Durling.

Our Clerk, Mrs. Linda Shreve, read the Rules of Order.

Our Clerk also read the Minutes of the May 01, 2010 spring Association Meeting. There was a change made on Page 5 (“Mr.” Jim Bragan to be changed to “Rev.”). The Minutes were moved to be adopted, with change, by Mrs. Linda Shreve and seconded by the Rev. Dennis Leamont. Motion carried.

(Please note that the Dennis was asked to record notes for this Fall Session because Linda had difficulty writing)

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** None

**Correspondence:** None

The Non-Action Committee Reports (as found in the report Book) were made available for discussion. \* indicates that a representative from that Committee addressed the report – notes follow.

Moderator - \*Chaplaincy - \*Convention - Evangelism - \*Kingswood Camp – WMS – Missions - \*Regional Minister – Gladys Manning – Stewardship – Social Action.

### **Chaplaincy:**

The Rev June Keddy gave an update to her report and thanked the Chaplains for their dedication to the work. She also had a further report from the Rev. Dr. Judith Saunders (attached to official Minutes)

The Rev. Virginia DeAdder reminded us of Chaplaincy Sunday, Nov. 21 and asked that we would promote it – lack of information is one of our biggest problems.

The Rev. Deborah Mosher asked if we would be in prayer re: the euthanasia question that is being discussed in Quebec now. This disturbs the residents. June prayed for this situation.

### **Convention**

Mrs. Linda Shreve highlighted her experience at the Oasis Meeting in August.

### **Kingswood Camp:**

Mr. Laurie Hennigar brought us a good news report. The Millett Fund has seen fit to grant to the camp the following pledges:

\$10,000.00 a year for 10 years for Operating Expenses

\$5,000.00 a year for 10 years to upgrade facilities

\$1,000.00 a year for 10 years to provide funds for kids to go to camp

Note that 2010 is year one of the ten.

Mr. Hennigar also stated that only 11 of 50 churches in the constituency had supported the camp this year. He urged the gathering to pray for the camp and to support it financially.

### **Regional Minister:**

Our Regional Minister, the Rev. Ron Baxter, highlighted four areas of his report:

- (1) Risk Management Seminars for Church Leaders – the new dates are Nov 20, Jan 29 and Feb 26.
- (2) Deacons/Pastor Workshop Saturday March 05, 2011
- (3) Regional Committee met re: Convention Nominating process
- (4) Convention
  - (a) General Operating Bylaw – he was one of the proofreaders; 12 churches in EV have affirmed membership
  - (b) Staffing – the Regional Ministers have been asked to stay on until December 31, 2011
  - (c) UIM our Association had contributed \$153,450.00 to the end of October. This is not as much as last year but it is up greatly from the end of September

The Rev. Dr. Peter Lohnes moved the acceptance of the Non-Action Committee Reports and the Rev. Chuck McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

**An Offering** was received for the work of the Association. (\$605.63)

The Rev. Dr. Peter Lohnes from 1<sup>st</sup> Cornwallis United Baptist Church shared with us that the Grade 12 students in his church were planning a Mission trip to Lebanon in the Spring. He brought some Calla Lily bulbs and for a free-will donation you could take some home with you.

**Coffee Break** was enjoyed by all.

**Seminar:**

Pastor Paul Fowler from New Minas United Baptist Church presented a seminar on “Worship and Arts” which focused mainly on using multi media type equipment to enhance the worship in our churches.

**The Moderator resumed the Chair and the meeting continued with Action Committee items:**

**Leadership and Development:**

The Rev. Jeff White highlighted this report and noted that the acceptance of this report would also mean that we accept the recommendation of the committee to renew existing or grant new Association Licenses or Association Lay Licenses to those mentioned in the report. He also noted the omission of the renewal of Association License for Pastor Paul Fowler. The Rev. Jeff White moved and the Rev. Thelma McLeod seconded the motion to accept this report. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Mr. Robert Douglas presented the financial picture and then moved the adoption of this report. The Rev. John Beers seconded. Motion carried.

**Budget for 2011:**

Mr. Robert Douglas presented the Budget for 2011 and noted that this was deficit budget in the amount of \$2020.00. He stated that he was a little uncomfortable presenting a deficit budget even knowing that it could be covered by the funds on deposit with the Baptist Foundation. He asked for feed back from the members present and the reactions was that it should be accepted this year and monitored in the future. Mr. Douglas then moved and the Rev. Dr. Peter Lohnes seconded that the Proposed Budget for 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

**Nominating Report:**

The Rev. Dr. Glenn Wooden presented the Nominating Committee Report (a separate sheet). There were a number of errors on the report, mostly dealing with phone numbers, terms of office and a couple of deletions. These were noted and Dr. Wooden will distribute a new report with the corrections made. He then called for nominations from the floor to fill those vacancies that were in the report. Dr. Wooden moved and the Rev. Virginia DeAdder seconded that

Nominations cease. Motion carried. The Nominating Report was then accepted by Acclamation.

**New Business:** There was none from the Floor.

The Council brought forth the Notice of Motion from the Fall Association Meeting

“We, the Eastern Valley Baptist Association of Nova Scotia of the unincorporated convention, express our desire to become a Member of the Incorporated Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches with all the Rights, responsibilities, and Expectations of Members outlined in Article 3.04 of the General Operating Bylaw.”

This was moved by Mr. Wayne Marriott and seconded by the Rev. Marc Potvin.

After some discussion, the Rev. Dennis Leamont moved and the Rev. Gary Manthorne seconded that the motion be Tabled. The motion to Table was defeated. The Rev. Dennis Leamont asked that the results of the vote be recorded in the Minutes. The results were as follows: 21 for; 26 against; 5 abstaining.

After some more debate “question” was called for the original motion. Motion carried. The results were asked to be recorded as follows: 46 for; 9 against.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Knowles recommended that issues like this should not be placed so late in the morning. All agreed with that recommendation and in further meetings the leadership would try hard to heed that recommendation.

Mr. Marriott came to the platform and was handed the gavel as the incoming Moderator. He then made a short address and dismissed the body with a blessing and prayer for lunch.

Lunch was served by the host church.

The Seminar for the afternoon was cancelled due to the length of the debate in the morning session

Respectfully submitted  
Dennis R. Leamont  
Acting Clerk

Note: These Minutes were approved (with several small spelling corrections) at the Association Meeting at Hantsport UBC on May 07, 2011.