



**Executive Officers of the Council of
Canadian Friendship Force Clubs Meeting
Friday, August 28, 2015,
Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel
Vancouver, British Columbia**

9:00 – Lynne Duigou, Chair, called the meeting to Order and

Welcomed the following attendees:

Brandon- Marie Wotton, Phyllis Crossan, Calgary - Joyce Nelson
Canadian Capital Region (La force de l'amitie de la region de la Capitale canadiene)-
Joycelyn Tessier , Claire Arcand, Edmonton and Area – Pat Glenn, Sam Yackimishyn,
Lou Duigou, Hamilton & Burlington- Heather Oliver, Bob Harrison, Lethbridge - Dave
Clarke, Manitoba - Judy Single, Medicine Hat- Terry Cooper, Metro Vancouver -
Maureen Pringle, Angie Grikis, Montreal (De L'Amitie De Montreal)- Christiane Beaupre,
Yves Thouin, Niagara - Sherri Stokes, Karin Lampman, North Bay- Gordon Hamden,
Ottawa -Donna Nicolson, Penticton-Okanagan- Holly Lotimer, Mavis Grant, Quebec
Region- Ginette Delage, Saskatoon- Janice Unick, Sherbrooke Region- Helene Ouellet,
Toronto - Liz MacDonald, Victoria & Vancouver Island -Barbara Ashmore, Winnipeg -
Val Keenan, Joe Keenan, FFI - International Advisory Council -Andrew Sterling
FFI Board Chair -Cecile Latour, Canadian Field Rep – Eastern- Jaap Schouten
Canadian Field Rep – Western- Barb Clarke FFI Staff -Mary Mwambay

Terms of Reference for the Canadian Council

Moved by Barbara Ashmore that we adopt the following Objects and Functions,
seconded by Jocelyne Tessier. Approve 18, Abstain 1, Carried

1. To foster the Mission of Friendship Force International (FFI)
2. To encourage, promote and support the aims, ideals, exchanges and activities of FFI and the Canadian Friendship Force clubs
3. To provide a forum for the expression of views and ideas and the formulation of recommendations for FFI and the Canadian Friendship Force Clubs.
4. To share information among all Canadian FF Clubs.

Moved by Barbara Ashmore, seconded by Donna Nicolson that the name be changed
to Executive Officers of the Council of Canadian Friendship Force Clubs
19 Approve, 0 Reject, 0 Abstain, Carried.

Moved by Terry Cooper, seconded by Barbara Ashmore that the Canadian Friendship Force Council be comprised of representatives from each Canadian club, who select among themselves a chair, treasurer, secretary and webmaster.

19 Approve, 0 Reject, 0 Abstain, Carried

Moved by Christiane Beaupré, seconded by Gordon Hamden that the two FFI Field Representatives and the Canadian representatives on the FFI Board be members of Council. Amended to read that we add the FFI Staff person and that they all be Ex Officio members of the Council. 18 Approve, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstain.

Voting Procedure

Moved by Pat Glenn, Seconded by Sam Yakimishyn that there be two delegates per club but ONE vote per club. 20 Approve, 0 Reject, 0 Abstain, Carried.

Moved by Barbara Ashmore, seconded by Terry Cooper to table the remaining proposed Terms of Reference. 19 Approve, 0 Reject, 1 Abstain.

Election of New Chairperson

Nominations from the floor were called for three times. Angie Grikis, Metro Vancouver club volunteered to be chair and was acclaimed. The Treasurer will be selected from the Vancouver Club.

Club Concerns

Pat Glenn, President of Edmonton and Area Club went over the Discussion Paper developed by the Edmonton Club and circulated to all Presidents, FFI Field Representatives, FFI Board Members and FFI Staff.

Cecile Latour, reported that FFI started 45 new clubs but lost more than 45 clubs by attrition last year so needs more members. Fill the seat policy – 20 clubs have reviewed the policy and have said we will not abide by that policy.

Liability Insurance

Holly Lotimer moved, Pat Glenn seconded that the Executive Officers of the Council of Canadian Friendship Force Clubs investigate a Canada-wide policy for Comprehensive General, Directors and Officers and Non owned Automobile Insurance that clubs may opt in or out of. 18 Approve, 1 Opposed, 0 Reject.

Canada 2017 – Group was divided into eight smaller groups to discuss the possibility of Domestic Exchanges as a way of celebrating Canada's 150 birthday in 2017. Discussed when, where, how long, what to see, coordination and possible scenarios.

When

3 votes – Summer

5 votes – last week of June, first week of July

8 votes – Any time all year

Coordination-

26 votes – Treat as a Canadian Global Exchange

4 votes – field representatives assist a committee

3 votes – Alberta clubs organize a provincial exchange

2 votes - list exchanges on Canffex site

Possible scenarios

22 votes – National (Global) Exchanges

10 votes – Canadian Council meets and decides who will participate and come up with a plan depending on numbers

2 votes – Match clubs

4 votes – add neighboring communities, local festivals

2 votes – open to any Canadian to introduce them to FF

Future Canadian Conferences

14 agree the new Executive investigate the possibility of a Conference in 2018.

Next Gen

1. Cecile Latour made a presentation on a new idea for exchanges in conjunction with local groups like the Hiking club etc.
2. Eileen Howell presented a proposal for exchanges in conjunction with Canadian Parents for French.

A group photo was taken to be sent via email to all clubs.

Thank you gifts were presented to Cecile Latour, Jo Custead our FFI Board representatives, Mary Mwambay our FFI staff officer, Barbara Clarke and Jaap Schouten, Canadian Field representatives.

3:15 - Meeting declared adjourned by Lynne Duigou

