

Blue Hill Co-op Board Meeting

July 17, 2012 Blue Hill Public Library, Howard Room

Board Members Attending: Mia Strong, Keith Herklotz, Laura Livingston, Allison Watters, Jerome Lawther, Jim Picariello, Chris Ramsay

Absent Board Member(s): Richard Paget

Others Attending: Mark Deeny (General Manager), Julia Klein (minute taker), Aaron Dority (prospective Board member), Claudia Goudey Smith (Owner)

Julia Klein, minute taker

Allison Watters, task and decision keeper

Mia Strong, meeting facilitator, time keeper

Approval of June, 26 2012 Minutes: **The Minutes were approved with minor grammatical changes.** Mia will check with Jerome about changes to May minutes for public posting.

Consent Agenda: **The GM Report was accepted.** Mark took questions from the Board.

Time Open to Owners: Aaron Dority attended to observe the meeting as he intends to run for Board seat.

Claudia Goudy Smith attended the meeting to inform the Board of her experience being hit by a truck as she was caring for the window boxes on Sunday. She brought photographs of the terrible bruising to her shoulder. She emphatically urged the Board to seek a new business site as it is a pressing safety issue. She reiterated her concern for people making deliveries, which she has brought to the Co-op's attention for a long time. In her words, "Please take the need for a new site as critical to the stability of the organization!" Claudia opened an account a Seaboard Credit Union to provide a place for funding the project and will give the information to Mark.

Mission Statement: The Board held a lively discussion of the Mission Statement working and reworking it. Mia will email the draft to the Board for further refining and review.

Co-op Budget/Business Plan: Mark took questions from the Board regarding the Budget and inquired about allocating relocation expenses. The Board discussed details of profit and losses with Mark. Mark presented his business plan. The topic was tabled for revisiting in August.

Annual Report Preparations: **A proposal was made by the Outreach Committee (via Mia) and approved by the Board that this year's Annual Meeting will be a strictly business meeting held during the usual September Board meeting. Relocation announcements and committee reports will be saved for a family-friendly pig-roast celebration in early October.** Mia will email committee information for the newsletter to the Board for all to review. Mark will email his GM piece to Mia. Mia will write a list of reports needed for the annual meeting to be discussed at the August meeting.

Committee Reports:

Board Development: **The Committee recommended Marge May and Aaron Dority to the Board as great candidates for Board seats in the upcoming election. The Board unanimously approved supporting the candidates.** Allison will write her bio for re-election and email it to the Directors and the candidates as a template. All bios are due by August 1st.

Outreach Committee – Charter Review: **The Board accepted the Charter and a Report from the Outreach Committee.** Mia took questions and informed the Board of a vote taken in the Store with regards to making the Co-op GMO-free. Most patrons voted for a GMO-free Store though it remains in question whether the full implications were understood. The Committee will launch a GMO project in the fall.

Bylaw Change: Mia proposed changing the fiscal year of July 1st - June 30th, to January 1st - December 30th in order to simplify annual reporting and meeting processes as well as accounting. Mia will discuss the logistics of the bylaw change with Sally Mills and report to the Board for a written decision to be signed before the next meeting. Allison raised concern regarding Director term lengths in light of the change.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Mission Statement Writing

Ownership Committee

Budget and Business Plan

Annual Meeting Report List

Meeting Evaluation: Keith expressed his amazement at this Board as he had a flashback to past meetings. “We get so much done and have fun!” He looks forward to the next meeting. All agreed with his observations.

Due Date for the Board Packet: Items for the Board Packet will be due on Saturday August 11, 2012.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2012 6:30 - 9:00 PM Blue Hill Public Library, Howard Room

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julia Klein

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