

Blue Hill Co-op Board Meeting
May 15, 2012 Blue Hill Public Library, Howard Room

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

Absent Board Member(s): No absent Directors

Others Attending: Mark Deeny (General Manager), Julia Klein (minute taker), Aaron Dority (prospective Board candidate), Isla Miller (Cape Rosier Consulting)

Julia Klein, minute taker

Allison Watters, task and decision keeper

Mia Strong, meeting facilitator, time keeper

Approval of April 24, 2012 Minutes: **The minutes were approved pending minor spelling changes.**

Consent Agenda: **The GM Report was approved by the Board.** The GM took questions regarding the rise in cost of goods. **A proposal was made and approved that financial reporting be will submitted quarterly rather than monthly.**

Time Open to Owners: The Board exchanged introductions with Aaron Dority who came to observe the meeting. Aaron works at Penobscot East Resource Center, a fisheries management agency and is considering joining the Co-op Board.

Board Processes:

Set Annual Meeting Date/Deadline – **The Board approved July 10th as the deadline for Board Candidate Applications.** Allison will print applications. Candidates will meet on July 17th to be vetted by the Board. The Election packet will be sent to print on August 1st. The Election packets will be sent separately from the Newsletter. **A proposal was made and provisionally approved to set the Annual Meeting date for Tuesday, September 25th 2012 to be held at the Blue Hill Congregational Church. The meeting date and location will be reviewed again in July.**

Number of Seats Open – **A proposal was made and approved, on recommendation from the Board Development Committee, that the Board will open 8 seats for election this year.** Five Directors will run for re-election leaving three seats open for new candidates. John Miller's seat was not opened but saved for the possible appointment of a Director with skills in finances. A discussion of term length details ensued. The Board Development Committee will formulate a proposal for a possible change in bylaw Section 4.3 regarding election terms to be presented at the June Board meeting.

Board Budget – Mia took questions about the Budget. Mia and Jim will research CBLD subscriptions. Mia will present findings to the Board for a decision whether or not to participate. The Board discussed changing the Budget line "Board Donations" to "Tax Deductible Donations." Mia will confirm with Allison that postage for the election mailing is included in the Budget. Mark recommended that the Co-op Connection coupon

book should be updated to a paperless format next year due to the expense of printing and mailing. Deirdre and Jessie (Staff) will rework the coupon book. Mia will take further Budget questions via email and will be presenting the final draft in June for approval.

Policy Review Committee: **The Board adopted the Policy Review Committee's recommendation.**

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Board Development Committee – Term limit debacle, Candidate update

Membership Committee

Outreach Committee Charter Proposal

Budget

New Board Member Orientation Ideas- (Policy Review Committee will work with Board Development Committee)

Relocation Update - 501c3, Fundraising

(Chris suggested that the Co-op consider changing store inventory to biannually rather than quarterly. Chris and Mark will discuss the idea)

Meeting Evaluation: It was short!

Mission Statement Workshop: Isla Miller held a Mission Statement Workshop with the Directors.

Executive Session: The Board discussed the GM Review.

Due Date for the Board Packet: Items for the Board Packet will be due on Saturday, June 9, 2012.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 6:30 - 9:00 PM, Blue Hill Public Library, Howard Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julia Klein