

August 28, 2007 Agenda
Fiddleheads Food Coop Board of Directors
Hygienic Gallery, Bank St., New London
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Directors:

Ellen Anthony, Secretary
Jae Bouchard
Annie Chambers, Treasurer
Ed DeMuzzio, Vice-president
Sheila Herbert
Allen Longendyke
Laura Natusch
Richard Spindler-Virgin, President
Jim Stidfole
call to order - Dick
quorum (at least 5 people) - Ellen
agenda: changes and approval - Dick
corrections/approval of August 21 minutes - Ellen

Treasurer's Report - Annie

Member comment time (30 minute limit)

Old Business:

- Review of committee descriptions
- Information to members
- Status of business plan
- subcommittee on floor design
- Sign event sub committee

I (Ellen) went through our last 2 months of minutes, and I think these things should be considered, worked on, finalized, thought about, or something:

Allen - what will Bruce McDonald write?
Will this be a 1-yr BoD?
Stuart's online benchmarks
Stuart's quarterly check-in
Questions for Marilyn in our 2 month grace period
Capital Campaign Kickoff - plan, materials, staff, manager?
A preliminary floor plan on the wall at the Sept 29 event.
Annie - professional fundraisers
Ken - change locks, talk with PJ, paint west wall.
Co-Chair of Site cttee - Ken is running for NL public office this fall and might be distracted.
call Burns Agency for better rate on insurance
CFNE USDA? - \$220K loan
Ed - what about NL loan?
Carol Booth was going to look into small grants
Dick and Jim on radio and TV
Formally eliminate Advisory, Development and Founders' Committees
Art Costa's Actionable Plan
a dateless timeline of store-opening (maybe this is Art Costa)
Have Ed & Dick signed the papers at the bank?
Membership cttee needs a chairperson

Committee Reports and business:

New Business:
closed session?
reopen, if necessary
adjourn.
What? No beer?

August 28, 2007 Minutes
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Directors present:
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Allen Longendyke
Laura Natusch
Richard Spindler-Virgin, President
Jim Stidfole

Ed and Annie are away.

Members present: Nancy Lathrop and Tom Robinson

6:40 call to order - Dick

agenda additions and approval - Additions:

The-other-Laura as Volunteer Coordinator. Do not use her last name, and use a FH mailbox to reach her. She will set up and maintain a data base of volunteers. She requests an updated list of committees and their descriptions. Committee chairs should let her know their volunteer needs. She will then provide committee members with a list of potential volunteers, whom they will be responsible for calling. Dick will send her the updated committee descriptions.

Membership Chairperson
Willi BoD meeting
Annual Meeting motions discussion

approval of August 21 minutes as distributed - unanimous approval

no Treasurer's Report

Member comment/introductions/discussion:

Nancy Lathrop says that with some training, she would be willing to volunteer at an informational table at farmers' markets or other events.

Also discussion of Sept 22 "I AM" Festival and Oct 12 Reducers Closeout Show as places to set up informational table. We need a tent, table, chairs, flyers and paperweights. Ellen (with Kristin's help?) will make posters and small ad cards.

Old Business:

We refined the committee descriptions.

Worked on “save the date” e-blast. Dick says he will send an e-mail to members this weekend.

Sile mentions that we should attend a Willi BoD meeting sometime:

Board of Directors Meeting

Second Thursday of each month

Location: 7pm, Quinnebaug Valley Community College, Willimantic

Members Welcome!

Contact Person: Alice Rubin

willifoodcoop@snet.net

Ed and Ellen phoned floor plan consultant PJ Hoffman earlier in the day; Ellen reported that the existing floor plan is a first draft made to accommodate the previous board's plans to acquire specific used equipment. If he doesn't have to work within those limitations, he can update the plan.

Sign event sub committee: Annie, Ellen and Sheila volunteered.

8:00 MOTION: by Jim, seconded by Laura, that we move into closed session.

Unanimous approval.

Discussion of personnel and legal issues.

8:20 MOTION: Jim/Allen: reopen the meeting. Unanimous approval.

Allen - Bruce McDonald *will advise on Public Relations, not write.*

Laura - Motions made at the annual meeting: *The prior Board says there are no minutes from the member comment time. The current Board will amend the minutes to include the text of the motions, but will be unable to make more complete additions to the minutes. The Board agrees that the May 30th, 2007 change to bylaw 3.2 which allowed voting by slate is invalid because prior notice of the bylaw change wasn't given to members. The bylaw committee will look into other potential bylaw changes, including a provision for future bylaw changes to be approved by members. The Board considers whether to ask members for a vote of confidence on September 29th, or to act as an interim board until our next annual meeting. No vote taken.*

Stuart's quarterly check-in. *He has a new format, which he sent to Dick.*

Capital Campaign Kickoff - plan, materials, staff, manager? *The event will begin Saturday morning, 10:00 a.m..*

CFNE USDA? - \$220K loan. *Need more member equity and better business plan first.*

Ed - what about NL loan? *In process.*

Dick and Jim on radio and TV. *mentioned; no action.*

Formally eliminate Advisory, Development and Founders' Committees. *We will add the Development Committee to the list of defunct cttees. The other two were never established.*

Art Costa's Actionable Plan. *Sheila spoke in favor of Art's abilities.*

Membership cttee needs a chairperson. *Still does.*

Next meeting will be at CCI. The one after that at the Hygienic; bring notes from Board training with Marilyn.

8:50 MOTION to adjourn: Ellen/Jae. Unanimous approval.