

Minutes  
Fiddleheads Natural Food Co-op Board of Directors  
CCi Inc., 190 Broad St. New London  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m., October 21, 2008

Call to order at 7:00

Directors Present: Ellen Anthony, Ed DeMuzzio - Vice President, Sheila Herbert, Allen Longendyke - Secretary, Richard Spindler-Virgin - President, Jim Stidfole.

Members Present: Peter de la Rosa, Betty Stecher, Lorain Simister, John Sargent, Bob Bunting, Laura Cordes

Motion made by Jim and seconded by Ed to approve the Minutes for the October 7th Board Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Comments: Betty stated she needs to receive communication regarding all events. Bob is seeking articles or material for the next newsletter.

Secretary's Report: As of 10/7 we have either 865 or 859 members.

Old Business:

Merchant Loan - The Merchant Loan has been approved by the Bank Loan Committee. Some of it will be used to defray past due rent. A motion was brought forward by Jim for the Board to Approve acceptance of the Loan. Sheila seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

501C3 Status - Dick stated that despite the letter from the attorneys stating it would not be of benefit we will try to pursue this option anyway.

Loft Donation - John Sargent presented 3 dimensional model of what his proposed child play area/loft for the store will look like. It would be 104" by 108" and 78 square inches total. After discussion it was decided that John will discuss the project with the appropriate fire/safety experts and if all fire safety concerns were addressed, would install the space in the store. John also said he will take on decoration/improvement of the front windows of the store as a project.

New Business

Sale of small Freezers to Four Mile River Farm - The Board decided to sell them at separate prices, preferably \$500.00 each. (Since the meeting one was sold

and one was not sold).

The purchase of some new housekeeping equipment was brought forward by Ellen. The Board agreed it was time to purchase some new basic equipment.

Publicity and Events - Dick presented a flow chart of how events would be managed. There was a lengthy discussion as to the number of coordinators needed as opposed to the number indicated by the chart. There was no clear resolution of how events would be coordinated and the discussion will be continued at the next meeting. Sheila stated we really need a budget for publicity.

Store Hour Expansion - Jim moved and Allen seconded that we expand store hours into Thursday and Friday. There followed some discussion as to whether to change the week day hours or keep them to same. The final decision was to keep the hours from 2:30 to 6:30 on Weds, Thurs., and Fri. The resolution was unanimously approved. Ellen noted the next expansion should look toward opening longer hours.

Commercial Kitchen - Dick met with Ledge Light Health Officials to look at requirement for placing a working kitchen in the back of the store space.

Community Survey - Allen stated he had spoken with Anne Schreiber (St. Francis House) about how Fiddleheads can draw more patrons from the neighborhoods adjacent to the store. Anne said she would be willing to meet with three Tenants Association presidents from the three local high rise apartments if three Board Members accompanied her. Dick said he would do so, and Lorain volunteered as a member to do so.

The next meeting time and place: November 4, 7 p.m. CCI

9:15 Adjourn

