

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

Call to order at 7:00

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

Members Present: Bob Bunting, Pete de la Rosa, Sioux Mackey, Betty Stecher

Motion made by Sheila and seconded by Jim to approve the Minutes for the August 26th Board Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Comments: Bob indicated he needs articles for the Sept.- Oct. Newsletter.

Secretary's Report - As of 9/9 we have 847 members.

President's Report: Dick noted that the amount of sealer to coat the store floor is double what was estimated. This will put the cost of sealing and painting the floor to about \$5,000. This cost is entirely for materials as the labor is being provided by Coop members. There is nothing new to report on the Capital Campaign.

Old Business:

Merchant Loan - Ed reported that the Loan Committee has not met due to the scattered vacations of it's members and there is no new news.

501C3 Status - There was a great deal of discussion regarding this matter. Some Board members expressed that this would do nothing to help with immediate financial concerns, others stated it would and could be of great benefit. Ed will re-contact Attorney Cole-Chu to further discuss the matter.

Dinner on the Farm - Dick indicated that all aspects of preparation were in good shape.

Media Sale - Allen indicated that sorting and pricing were ongoing, a lot of good material had come in but more was needed.

Dennison Mushroom Festival (9/28). Fiddleheads will be tabling at this event.

New Business:

October Expansion to four store days. It was expressed that without the Merchant Loan to make a substantive increase in store product, the additional open days would have to be postponed until November. The Board decided to postpone the expansion.

Food Stroll 10/15 - Fiddleheads will participate at the store.

Hospice Fair Tabling - Fiddleheads will participate.

Loft Donation - Ellen read a letter from Member John Sargent asking the Board to accept a loft play area for children. Several Board Members indicated serious concerns about liability if a child was injured while playing on the loft. As was discussed several meetings back, the Board decided that the loft could be stored at a location owned by Ed, but it would not be set up at the store at this time.

Layout of Midway Market expansion - after some discussion it was determined that a meeting of interested parties would occur in the store at 7:00 to provide layout alternatives and try to reach a consensus.

The next meeting time and place: September 23, 7 p.m. CCI

9:00 Adjourn