

Minutes  
Fiddleheads Natural Food Co-op Board of Directors  
CCi Inc., 190 Broad St. New London  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m., February 17, 2009

Call to order at 7:00

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

Coop Members Present - Chris Nelson, Betty Stecher

Member Comments: Chris Nelson presented a proposed inventory system he has developed that would serve the store as a precursor to a POS system. This system would be of no cost to Fiddleheads. After some discussion the Board agreed to accept the system.

President's Report - Dick reported that at this point, the Pancake Breakfasts are no longer money makers. The last two barely broke even but did not contribute to financial stability. At the same time some members are asking that they be held every week. After some discussion the Board agreed to continue them for the time being, hopefully with improved publicity. It was noted by all that they are enjoyed by those who do attend.

Secretary's Report: As of 2/17 we have 888 member households.

Business (Mixed Old and New):

The Board agreed to gratefully accept Anne Lang's (written) offer to become the voluntary Fiddleheads bookkeeper.

Ed reported the phone line for being able to accept credit and debit cards should be installed tomorrow. This means we should soon be able to "accept plastic".

Ellen reported that the mailbox at the New London Post Office expires at the end of February, so all Fiddleheads material should now carry the 13 Broad St. address only.

Store - Footsteps Farm will join the Farmer's Market in a few weeks. Footsteps specializes in heirloom breeds of farm animals. The compressor for the walk-in cooler is not running and may need to have a shelter built for it in order for it to run in the winter. The 8 door refrigerator is having problems maintaining a

consistent temperature cycle. The back door needs replacing but a custom door will need to be built to replace it.

Store Sales have shown a steady growth over the this last year. February 2008 showed \$670 in sales, while almost a year later in January 2009 sales were at \$16,736. Publication of this information in the Newsletter was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.