

Minutes
Fiddleheads Natural Food Co-op Board of Directors
CCi Inc., 190 Broad St. New London
7:00 - 9:00 p.m., June 2, 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, Ned Ruete, Jim Stidfole

Coop Members Present - Betty Stecher

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by David to approve the Minutes of the May 19th meeting. Six Board members voted to accept the minutes with Sheila and Ned abstaining because they were not at that meeting.

Secretary's Report: As of 6/2 we have 934 member households.

Treasurer's Report: Dave reported that May sales at the store were \$25,789 but all sales are not yet included in this figure so the final figure may be higher. May also is the first month of operation where the majority of the shoppers in the store were Coop members (54%).

Old Business:

CFNE Loan Application Update - Ed stated CFNE has come back to us with 14 more questions regarding operations. He and Dick will be having a conference call with them in the next few days.

Store Items: Allen expressed concern that frost is starting to build up again in the freezer and we still don't have a back-up. The major problem is the last door which often stays ajar if not firmly shut. Ed felt we have too much product on the bottom shelf of the freezer. Sheila stated it was designed to have product there and that was not a problem.

New Business:

Election of Officers: After a brief discussion the Board thought it was best that the current officers remain in place. Jim motioned that Dick Spindler-Virgin remain as President, Ed DeMuzzio remain as Vice President, Allen Longendyke remain as Secretary, and Dave Jensen remain as Treasurer. Sheila seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

New Board Member: Dick has spoken with Coop Member Suzanne Kattanach who is interested in being on the Board. As the Board can have up to 15 members adding one more is not a problem. Jim motioned to add Suzanne as a Board Member. Allen seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Funding for Sheila and Ellen for the CCMA Conference. Sheila and Ellen had requested \$360.00 to help supplement their attendance expenses at the CCMA Conference in Pittsburgh next week. Jim made a motion to give Sheila and Ellen \$360.00 from operating expenses to help supplement their travel/lodging expenses for the CCMA Conference. Ned seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Designation of Members as liaisons to various groups. Dick stated that many of us are already involved with Community groups but that at least one needed to be covered. Dick is now on the New London Main Street Board so that is covered. Ed is on the Groton Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Chamber of Commerce. The New London Local First and Farm to City groups have not been covered recently so after brief discussion Ned agreed to attend those. Sheila is the representative to CTNOFA. Allen has been and will continue to be the informal liaison to St. Francis House and it's related network.

Change of Board Meeting Pattern: The Board discussed the concept of having one Board Meeting a month and one Store Operations meeting a month. The second meeting might not be necessary for all Board Members to attend, but would good for the Store Coordinators to attend. David suggested the Store meeting be open to everyone. Allen stated that an open meeting for Store Operations could be lengthy and counter productive in certain circumstances. After discussion it was decided that beginning in July, the first Tuesday meeting would be held in the store for Store Operations and be open to Board Members and Store Coordinators, and Nancy Potter (Banking Operations). The third Tuesday would be the Board Meeting, which would continue to be open to all members and held at CCI.

Fiddleheads Business Partner Advantage: Discussion occurred on Allen's proposal to offer a special discount to Fiddleheads Business Members using the pre-order system to purchase goods to use in their business. After lengthy discussion the Board agreed to go ahead with the proposal at a 10% mark-up on the goods and finish fine tuning policy details at a later date. Ed moved to accept the basic tenants of the proposal, Jim seconded and the proposal passed unanimously.

Energy Efficient House Unveiling (9/09) - Dick brought up that he had committed Fiddleheads to be involved in project which involves a show case "green" home that will be unveiled in September. Everyone agreed our involvement was a go.

David proposed that the Store drop to Dime Bank occur three days a week with his taking care of the drop. Allen and Dick both felt it was better to do the drop on a nightly or next morning basis is currently our procedure. Most Board members felt that before any changes in the procedure, if it needs to be changed, Nancy Potter's and Anne Lang's inputs were needed. Nancy and Anne will be asked to attend the next Board Meeting to further discuss this proposal.

Partitioning of Store Receipts was tabled until the next Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

