

Minutes
Fiddleheads Natural Food Co-op Board of Directors
CCi Inc., 190 Broad St. New London
7:00 - 9:00 p.m., May 18, 2010

Call to order at 7:00

Directors Present: Richard Virgin - President, Ed DeMuzzio Vice President and Treasurer, Sheila Herbert, David Jensen, Allen Longendyke - Secretary, Jim Stidfole, Ellen Anthony, Suzanne Cattanach, Ned Ruete

Coop Members Present: Betty Stecher

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Sheila to approve the Minutes of the April 20th meeting. Approval of the minutes was unanimous.

Secretary's Report: "As of today's date we have 1100 member households."

President's Report - Dick reported that the Downtown Merchants Association is looking at ways to get more activity into New London but no final plans have been developed.

Old Business:

Paid Volunteer Coordinator: Dick stated he has three candidates for the paid volunteer coordinator position, all are well qualified. The coordinator will call all persons on the membership list over the new three months to try to get more people involved in Coop operations. There was discussion that this would be a somewhat lengthy process. It was decided that there should be at least three people working in the store at all times, more during deliveries and that this level of staffing would be the coordinator's goal. Ned made a motion to pay the coordinator \$400 a month, Jim seconded. The motion was approved 8 to 1. Ellen asked who the candidates were. Dick said this should be tabled and held for a closed session at the end of the meeting since a Board Member (Allen) was a candidate. Jim then moved to table the discussion for a closed session and Ned seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Annual Meeting: Dick indicated he would plan comments and be giving out certificates to the founding members who accepted the invitation. He reported that no new individuals have come forward or were willing to be drafted to run for the Board. There was some discussion of whether or not we could accept candidates up to the start of the

Annual Meeting. Ed researched the by-laws and found that we could not. The candidates will be Dick and Ed running for a second full term and Suzanne running for a first full term. Ellen has chosen not to run again for the Board. Dick indicated that Joan Weigle had agreed to run the member check-in table.

Plan B's Plan - Comments and Feedback - Ellen stated she had given some feedback to Chuck Bomley and he would be sending a revised plan soon.

Capital Campaign - Dick indicated he has spoken about this with Coop expert Bill Gessner and that there are four key times to start a capital campaign. Ours would likely start in late summer/early fall.

New Business:

Keys to the Store - David asked if Dick knew how many keys were "out". Dick stated he had a list. Dick had asked David to turn in his key since he had stepped down as a Coordinator. David indicated he had not stepped down but was taking a break while doing Census work. Dick said that was not his understanding and asked David for the key. David then passed his key in. Betty stated she also had a key and passed it in.

Hiring a Store Accountant. David proposed hiring a store accountant. Ed indicated that there was not enough money to do this. Ed indicated that Josh McGrath was going to take over the accounting done by David for the summer (Josh returns to college in the fall).

The meeting then went into closed session sans Allen.

The meeting adjourned about 9:00 p.m.

