

Minutes  
Fiddleheads Natural Food Co-op Board of Directors  
CCi Inc., 190 Broad St. New London  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m., September 21, 2010

Call to order at 7:00

Directors Present: Suzanne Cattanach, - Vice President , Ed DeMuzzio - Treasurer, Sheila Herbert, David Jensen, Allen Longendyke - Secretary, Ned Ruete, Richard Virgin - President.

Coop Members Present: Carol Chaput, also Terry Greco and Mark Roberts (who have subsequently joined as members.) Carol and Mark came as prospective Board members, Terry came to join and learn more about Fiddleheads.

Acceptance of Minutes - Ed and Suzanne motioned to accept the July and August Board meeting minutes. Both past unanimously,

Secretary's Report: Allen reported that Fiddleheads now has 1125 memberships,

President's Report: Dick stated that we were out of membership brochures again and he was getting some printed. Mark noted that it has served his business well to lease a copier. Dick also stated he has a meeting with Rebecca Dunn of the Cooperative Fund of New England coming up.

Financial Report: Ed reported that sales were flat for the summer months, that is they did not rise or fall. Sheila noted that hold our own is a very good trend, as summer sales at some other regional Coops drop during the summer months.

**Old Business:**

The AC situation - Dick reported that one company said it would cost \$5,000 just to fix the oil leak alone. Another company estimated 50 to 70 thousand for a complete HVAC system overhaul. Dunklee suggested using window units at about \$2,000 a piece, which may resolve the window problem and the AC problem. Purchases of more equipment for the store continue on hold due to this situation.

New Board Members - Carol and Mark told us a bit about their backgrounds - Carol has a background as a writer, artist, grant writer and has worked for the Bushnell Theater in Hartford and for Big Brothers - Sisters. She is a Norwich Resident and likes the Cooperative Model. Mark has a degree in Physics, transitioned into corporate business planning and marketing, and now is on his third career in non-profit development. He operates the Tsetse Gallery on State Street and another gallery in Providence. He likes the sense of community development/interaction that is evolving from Fiddleheads.

**New Business:**

The Fall Food Stroll is planned for October 12 (it has since been rescheduled). The Board discussed what to serve - it was decided Pumpkin Kefir and maybe Pumpkin Pudding.

The Board then went into closed session to discuss the appointments of Carol and Mark to the Board. In separated votes, both were unanimously approved for a appointment to the Fiddleheads Board of Directors until the Annual Meeting and Elections next May.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

