

Fiddleheads – Board of Director

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2011

I. Call to order

Suzanne Cattanach called to order the regular meeting of the Fiddleheads Board of Directors at **7:35PM** on **April 19, 2011** located at **190 Broad Street, New London, CT**.

II. Roll call

Jamie Lee took attendance. The following persons were present:

Suzanne Cattanach

Ed Demuzzio

Mark Roberts

Ned Ruete

Ellen Anthony

Jim Stidfole

The following were absent:

Richard Virgin

Carol Chaput

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved

(Mark – Moved/Jim – Second) All in favor (6) Opposed (0)

IV. Member Comments

a) March Health Fair sales were over \$1800 exceeding January's Health Fair day in sales.

b) June Health Fair

a. Mark Roberts made a motion to move June Health Fair from Sunday June 5th to Friday June 3rd from 12 – 4 to coincide with the New London Street Fair
(Jim – Move to accept/Ellen – Second) All in favor (6) Opposed (0)

c) Ellen commented last member/family count was over 1200

d) Mark mentioned doing a FlashMob to coincide with Art Night and the first one would be at Fiddleheads on Friday June 3rd (website: www.nflashmob.com)

e) Suzanne and Jim briefly discussed the Proposal Review Rating – a rating that was completed of projects that involve structural changes for Fiddleheads based on funding/budget.

V. Secretary's Report

a) No Report

VI. Presidents Report

a) No Report

VII. Financial Report

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- a) Ed Demuzzio mentioned this was the first pay period where all 3 employees will be paid.
- b) Ed Demuzzio provided update on process for Façade funding. Application in process and awaiting approval by Ned Hammond Committee.
- c) Ed indicated that Insurance will cover freezer failure
 - a. Reimburse for food loss, freezer repair and lost sales
 - b. Expected reimbursement estimated around 8 – 10K
 - c. Jim mentioned donating food loss, however, Ed commented that liability risk high
- d) Issue with Credit Card Transaction Fees – Ed had a company analyze for better rate.
 - a. Rate has been reduced from 1.8 to 1.56 with faster turnaround.
- e) Other Grant/Loan and Funding
 - a. Economic redevelopment approve 20k
 - b. Loan HEDCO approve 20K
 - c. Loan/Grant SECTOR just finished and submitted for approval of 100K
 - d. HVAC Program with CL&P – awaiting 2 possible programs
 - i. Efficiency program – pays ½ of equipment
 - ii. Small Business Program – some credit and zero % loan

Jim asked about non supported bids/Ed responded that yes he was able to get TRANE into program

VIII. Old Business

- a) Military Membership – Short Term similar to student
Motion to extend Student Membership to include Military
(Ed – Moved/Jim – Second) All in favor (6) Opposed (0)
- b) CT Food Coop Conference in MA (May)
 - 1. Question came up to send someone
 - 2. Ellen mentioned that Free Admission to be on panel for new coops (Ellen will find email with more information)
- c) CCMA (Consumer Coop Management Association Conference) in San Diego in June
 - 1. Question whether to send someone? Response: depends on cost
 - 2. Conference Cost is \$700 – last two conferences Ellen was able to get a scholarship to cover cost of admissions and will submit again
 - 3. Ellen to send dates to Jamie to see if she can find cheap airfare

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- d) Annual Meeting Date: Motion to move from Sunday May 15, 2011 at 4:00PM. To Sunday May 22, 2011 at 4:00PM to allow for the 4 week notice required by the bylaws and need to be sent by email and postal. Notification also must be posted in Fiddleheads.

(Jim – Moved/Mark – Second) All in favor (6) Opposed (0)

1. Motion to amend bylaw section 3.3 for clarification regarding voting of officers.
Wording will be added after “mail in ballot” to include “and proxy” Motion by Jim/Second by Mark – All in favor (6) Opposed (0)
2. Bylaw change will be sent out via email for voting by all board members
Mark – Move/All in favor (6) Opposed (0)
3. Nominating Committee will consist of Suzanne Cattanach, Ed Demuzzio, Richard Virgin, Allen and Jamie Lee

IX. Adjournment

Mark Roberts motion to adjourn the meeting at **9:39PM** Jim Second

All in favor (6) Opposed (0)

Minutes submitted by: Jamie Lee

Minutes approved by: