

Minutes
Fiddleheads Natural Food Annual Meeting
13 Broad St. New London
5:00 p.m., May 23, 2010

Call to order at 5:00

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

Voting Coop Members Present: Doris Anthony, Ellen Anthony, Warren Axtell, Doris Beebe, Theresa Bessette, Bob Bunting, Suzanne Cattanach, Ann Chapman, Patricia Clark, Laura Cordes, Lisa Crowley, Ed DeMuzzio, Kristin DeMuzzio, Janice Fitton, Jana Flaherty, Ben Fried, Bruce Gatten, Roberta Goldman, Laurie Gorham, Ken Hanson, Sheila Herbert, Stephanie Houlihan, Wendy Jakoboski, David Jensen, Simon Hay, Arthur Lerner, Allen Longendyke, Raymond Lucas, Bud McAllister, Stafford McLean, Susan Munger, Colleen O'Reilly, Patricia O'Reilly, Maria Peplau, Kristina Quarto, Amy Sarcia, John Sargent, Paul Shaffer, Sherry Stidfole, Richard Virgin, Amanda Watson, Joan Weigle.

The meeting began with the election of officers. Election Coordinator Andy Durr explained that there were three candidates, Suzanne Cattanach, Ed DeMuzzio, and Richard Virgin. There were actually four openings on the Board. Ed and Richard were running for re-election to second three year terms and Suzanne was running for a full three year term after being appointed to the Board last August. Andy motioned that the membership vote for the entire slate and Ken Hanson seconded the motion. The voting membership present voted unanimously to approve all three candidates.

Board President Richard Virgin then spoke. He thanked outgoing Board Member Ellen Anthony for her tireless service to Fiddleheads and presented a certificated to her for her dedicated service to the Coop. Richard then recognized founding members present (Ann Chapman, Patricia Clark, Sheila Herbert, Stephanie Houlihan, Stafford McClean, Colleen O'Reilly, Amy Sarcia, and John Sargent) for their hard work in developing the initial stages of the Coop including membership drives, fund raising, policy development, and securing a location for the store. The Founders also received certificates of recognition. Richard also recognized all the Working Members of the

Coop who had open and kept open the doors while expanding days open from one day to six days over the last two years. Without their volunteer labor the store could not have expanded as it has.

Secretary Allen Longendyke reported that Fiddleheads now has 1100 memberships (a membership may include a family or up to four unrelated individuals). Allen then asked if anyone wanted a reading of the 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes (which have been posted on the Fiddleheads website for close to a year). No one did, and the 2009 minutes were approved unanimously by the membership.

Ellen Anthony in her role as Chair of the Ad-Hoc "Big Plan" Committee told the group that the Board had hired Plan B Development to do an updated store plan and cost estimation to guide the Coop into fruition. The Plan B blueprint was posted for all to see and comment on.

Richard followed stating a capital campaign to raise fund to pay for these improvements would begin this year, with one it's key factors being the installation of a modern HVAC system to replace the very old air conditioning and heating system now in operation. Richard also announced that the New London Farmer's Market would again be in the outside parking lot on Tuesdays and Fridays, beginning in July and running through mid-October.

Vice President/Treasurer Ed DeMuzzio reported that Fiddleheads showed continual sales growth throughout the last 12 months. A chart of this sales growth was posted for all to see. He noted that Fiddleheads is well received in New London civic circles and that the cooperative growth rate is actually phenomenal given the current economic situation.

There were no member comments or observations, and a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Shaffer and seconded by Amy Sarcia.

The meeting concluded at 6:15 p.m.

