

Skookum Food Provisioners' Cooperative

Board meeting minutes - Tuesday March 15, 2016

Present: Edward, Jill, Deanna, Barbara, Dan - recorder

1. Opening Business:

1.1 Board member sign in - completed

1.2 Agenda - added 3.1 PST charges, and 5.3 Seedy Saturday

1.3 Minutes of previous board meeting - accepted

1.4 review of tasks/commitments from previous board meeting - completed and updated (see attached)

2. Correspondence - none

3. Treasurer's report - Treasurer notes a small loss in 2015 due to a variety of factors (no TAP in operation for several months, no bulk fruit purchase, reduction in cider press rentals, etc.)

3.1 PST charges for Cider Press Rentals – this should have been charged. Overall cost would be approx. \$15.40. Board discusses absorbing these costs now and going forward. Unanimous agreement.

4. Business arising from previous minutes:

4.1 Eccosentials – Survey completed by over 200 respondents; also several more who did not complete it. Results are still being tabulated and will be forwarded to the Board for review.

4.2 AGM planning – discussion by board. Edward will take this on, and ask David for help. Dan volunteers to help if needed.

4.3 Board recruitment – We will need 4 new members after the AGM. Board members need to review the members list for potential candidates, and make contact after emailing the rest of the board (to eliminate duplication). Board to discuss at next meeting.

5. Recurring Business:

5.1 Abundant Pantry – We have had to give up on the old software. Barry is still loosely involved. TAP has been unable to find a volunteer programmer yet. TAP continues to look at various software options, some free, some not.

5.2 Memberships – 5 new memberships received at Seedy Saturday!

5.3 Seedy Saturday – Discussion over display – it is clear Skookum needs a better display. The new board should make this a priority. Edward reports there was some discussion by attendees regarding

Ecosentials – some negative. There seems to be some confusion over Skookum's role in the possible creation of a local Co-op and involvement with Ecosentials. Overall Seedy Saturday was not as busy as in past.

New Business:

6.1 Mushroom work shop Scholarship – Yoni is hosting a mushroom workshop over 2 days, with 4 presentations. Discussion by board over Skookum providing some portion of attendees' enrolment costs. Board discusses providing funding of 20% of cost to a maximum of \$200. Unanimous agreement. Jill to contact Yoni.

6.2 Purchase Skookum tapestry/making table display – discussion regarding one option for improving our display with a tapestry backdrop. Jill offered to help design one and have it produced by a company she has dealt with previously; cost likely in the \$80 to 120 USD range. Board discusses. Unanimous agreement.

6.3 Purchase a draw prize for AGM – Discussion regarding a door prize for a random member who attends the AGM as an inducement to attend. Board discusses. Unanimous agreement. Deanna will purchase something suitable for up to \$100 + tax.

7. Tasks and Commitments: attached.

8. Next Meeting: April 19, 2016 at 6 pm at Dan's house

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm