Skookum Food Provisioners' Cooperative Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 22, 2011

In attendance

Twenty members were in attendance, of which eighteen only were eligible to vote, as there were two pairs of joint members present.

The total number of members eligible to vote at the time of this general meeting was sixty-five (of which nineteen represented joint memberships). Quorum was therefore seven members (at least 10% of the number of members eligible to vote). At no point during the meeting was there a lack of quorum.

1. Call meeting to order

David Parkinson, chair of the Association, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

2. Read notice convening meeting

David read the notice convening the general meeting.

3. Minutes of preceding annual general meeting

Jan read the minutes of the AGM of June 23, 2010.

4. Financial Statement

Sharon Deane, Treasurer, presented the financial statement for the fiscal year 2010-2011 (see attached). Current balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$669.76.

5. Report from the directors

David presented the Report from the Directors, outlining the work done by the Board over the past year, including a review of the projects completed over the course of the year. He expressed appreciation for work done to date and highlighted the need for member involvement in the ongoing growth and success of the coop.

5.1. Acceptance of reports

Laura Berezan moved that the membership accept the minutes of 2010, the Treasurer's Report, the Report from the Directors, as presented. Seconded by Pete Tebbutt. Passed by consensus.

6. Election of directors and appointment of auditors

6.1. Election of directors

David noted that the entire Board of Directors is up for reelection, with four new directors required by the Association's Rules to serve a two-year term and the remaining three directors to serve a one-year term. He reviewed the requirements of being a director, which include attendance at monthly meetings (currently with a potluck format), responsibility for the operations of the Association, and adherence to policy.

Pete Tebbutt and Jacqueline Hutchinson indicated their willingness to stand for office. David Parkinson, Giovanni Spezzacatena, Sharon Deane, Jonathan van Wiltenburg and Jan Burnikell indicated their willingness to stand for reelection for a further term. These 7 candidates were declared elected and no election was required.

6.2. Waive appointment of auditor

David presented the following special resolution: "Be it resolved that Skookum Food Provisioners Association waive the appointment of an auditor for the current fiscal year." Passed by consensus.

7. Special business; report on current projects

7.1. Skookum Gleaners

Giovanni reviewed what had been achieved in the past year through the Gleaners, noting there had been 30 picks, with 100 people signed up, of whom 62 actually picked fruit. Members discussed the possibility of offering Gleaners as a fee'd service to prevent bear problems, building a data base through planned monitoring, and offering a pruning service to improve the quality of fruit.

Gayle Morton presented members with information on planning for this year, including doing random spot checks, developing a tree survey as well as community mapping of fruit trees versus bear sightings. She also reviewed some fund raising ideas. There was a general discussion of how to enhance the effectiveness and raise awareness of the Gleaners project, as well as an exploration of fundraising possibilities, particularly at the fall fair.

7.2. Bulk food buying

Wendy Pelton reviewed the benefits of bulk food buying, the various scenarios possible, and the process whereby this project can be put into practice. She invited members to participate in the advisory group process though email input.

8. New business/roundtable

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Recorder: Jan. Burnikell.