

Skookum Food Provisioners' Cooperative Minutes of Annual General Meeting of May 2, 2013

In attendance

32 members, representing 27 memberships, were in attendance. At no point during the meeting was there a lack of quorum.

1. Call meeting to order

Pete Tebbutt, Chair of the Association, called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

2. Read notice of convening meeting

Pete Tebbutt read the notice convening the general meeting.

3. Minutes of preceding annual general meeting

Pete Tebbutt read the minutes of the AGM of April 27, 2012. It was resolved that the minutes of the AGM of April 27, 2012 be accepted as presented. The motion passed by show of hands.

4. Financial Statement

Laura Berezan, Treasurer, presented the financial statement for the fiscal year 2012-2013. She noted that donations received through Powell River Dollars account for most of the increase in Skookum's assets. She acknowledged the work of Melissa Leigh, volunteer bookkeeper, in setting up Skookum's revenues and expenses so that the correlation between the two is very clear.

Laura did a brief presentation on Powell River Dollars, explaining how they benefit Skookum and other non-profits. She noted the emphasis is on educating people as to how the system works, and suggested members encourage local businesses to participate.

It was resolved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The motion passed by show of hands.

5. Report from directors

Pete Tebbutt presented the Report from the Directors, pointing out the growth in membership over the past year and emphasizing the member-driven focus of a cooperative. He outlined the increase of member involvement in various areas of Skookum activity. He expressed particular appreciation to Wendy Pelton and Barry Bookout for their work on the Abundant Pantry bulk-buying project, and to Melissa Leigh for her work as Skookum's volunteer bookkeeper. He encouraged members to support Sunshine Organics' "grow local" project, noting that the board has passed on the "SunCoast Grown" information developed earlier by the board to this endeavour.

Pete outlined the board's goals for the coming year, including sponsoring four social events annually, workshops on the cooperative model as related to Skookum, and on the consensus model, enhanced collaboration with SALSA/Full Circle Farm, and facilitating the purchase of fruit trees.

It was resolved that the report from the directors be accepted as presented. The motion passed by show of hands.

6. Election of directors and appointment of auditors

6.1. Election of officers

Pete Tebbutt noted four positions on the seven-member board needed to be filled by election or acclamation, and that three currently serving directors (David Parkinson, Giovanni Spezzacatena, and Pete Tebbutt) were willing to let their names stand for another term. The expectations and obligations of being a director were discussed with the membership.

Julia Downs had previously indicated she was willing to let her name stand, though she was unable to attend the meeting.

Pete called for nominations from the floor, but none was forthcoming. There being as many candidates as open positions on the board, and with no nominations from the floor, these four candidates were acclaimed and no election was required.

6.2. Waive appointment of auditor

Laura Berezan presented the following special resolution: "Be it resolved that Skookum Food Provisioners' Association waive the appointment of an auditor for the current fiscal year." The motion passed by show of hands.

7. New business/roundtable

Wendy Pelton presented an update on The Abundant Pantry, stating the average order comes in at about \$1650. She noted only about a dozen people make regular use of this project and encouraged other members to utilize the service. Two local vendors have products available through TAP and the hope is that more will become involved.

Goals for the fall and winter include widening the service to include restaurants and perhaps the Powell River Association for Community Living group homes, increase the number of local vendors and facilitate a "Stocking Up Road Show" to encourage people to make use of TAP while simultaneously enhancing community resiliency.

Susan Canning brought forward the suggestion that Skookum consider purchasing a communal chipper/shredder. It was noted this could be part of the tool sharing venture. More research needs to be done as to best options. A follow-up meeting will be called when more information is available.

Coco Hess stated that SALSA/Full Circle Farm are in the process of soliciting letters of support and that Skookum would seem to be an obvious partner in the work of this organization. Pete Tebbutt indicated the board would be receptive to providing whatever support they can.

Mark Huddleston indicated he would like it noted in the minutes that the membership is very appreciative of the work done by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Recorder: Jan Burnikell