

Ypsilanti Food Cooperatives
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes

April 19, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Ypsilanti Freighthouse, Market Place., Ypsilanti MI 48198

Present: Cheryl Weber, David Choberka (secretary), Don Broersma, Beth Currans (vice president), Corinne Sikorski (GM), Liz Dahl MacGregor (president), Joe Montgomery, Shoshanna Ruth Wechter

Notes: Joe Montgomery
Minutes: David Choberka

6:35 - Call to order

Preliminaries

Read Ends Statement

Choose timekeeper for this meeting - Wechter

Check-ins

Guest Comments

Agenda Review

Consent Agenda

- Everyone should review March minutes and email approval. Choberka and Currans approve verbally, having already reviewed them.

GM monthly update report

Minutes: Jan. 15 & Feb. 23, 2016

- approved

Executive Session - GM Evaluation, policy changes

- no need for executive session. GM eval complete

- Choberka will draft proposed policy changes based on previous discussion of new Executive Limitations

Board Business

Committees

Nomination & Recruitment Committee:

Candidate Forum

- apr. 26 next Tuesday at senior citizen center, 6:30pm

- Wechter will coordinate more with center liaison, cookies and water, Weber will help

- Currans will be moderator

- Weber will contact candidates to remind
Election procedure - see below

Food Ethics Committee:

Report on most recent meeting, 4/10/16. See below.
Discussion of plans to create form on website for member-owners to register food ethics concerns.

General Membership Meeting planning

Voting procedures in newsletter
Agreement that candidates should talk 1-2 minutes at GMM
GMM agenda - mingle, reports from gm, financial will be done by Corinne, Liz will do report from board, candidates speaking, 2 minute eden food ballot explanation from Wechter, Currans will facilitate meeting, eat, Choberka and Macgregor will count votes

Policy Reports

B1: Financial Monitoring Report - B1.1 and B1.5 out of compliance
Approved with significant discussion of non-compliance with B1.1, its connections to B2, and the need to address declining sales with a robust long-term business plan.
Board suggests including and updating Business Plan as data with B1.1 in future.
Board also wants plan to bring B1.5 into compliance by increasing Member-owners
- GM points out that the numbers are partially a one-time dip caused by error in switching to POS.

Ends Report - TABLED

C1 – Governing Style

Discussed and approved. General agreement that Directors need to be more prepared and do their tasks more.

C2 – The Board’s Job

Discussed and approved.
Discussion of need to be more engaged with member-owners. Consideration of ways to do more outreach, both within the coop community and to people who don’t already go to the coop. Also discussion of doing more education forums on food that Directors commit to attending.

Discussion of need to do more Board education about governance and cooperatives.

C3 – Agenda Planning

Discussed and approved.

C4 – Board Meetings

Discussed and approved.

C5 – Directors’ Code of Conduct

Discussed and approved.

Discussed importance that Directors who do contract work for the Coop always disclose this regularly to the Board.

C6 - Officer’s Roles

Discussion of need to reconsider the job of the Board Treasurer.
Need to update all of the Officer Role descriptions and make sure that they are the same

in all places (Policy Register, By Laws, other policy documents)
Discussed and approved.

Closings

Schedule next meeting

June 28, 2016

Review Decisions,

Tasks,

Calendar/Coming Up

Closing round

Adjourn Meeting

Food Ethics Committee Report

April 10, 2016

By Beth Currans, co-chair

Present: Cheryl Farmer, Grace Sweeney, Amber Fellows, Krista Siefert, Elaina Ebersole, Beth Currans, Shoshanna Wechter

We debriefed the Eden Foods forum and discussed the committee's next steps. We affirmed the process we created last year and noted that there is not yet a way to submit concerns on the YFC website. We are pursuing that as well as returning to our earlier discussion of labeling.