

Onion River Co-op/City Market

Board of Directors Meeting

September 23, 2013

Board Attendance:

Molly O'Brien, Board Member, President
Julia Curry, Board member, Vice President
Faye Conte, Board member
Rachel Jolly, Board Member, Secretary
Kevin Duniho, Board Member
Wayne Warnken, Board Member
Charles Baldrige, Board Member, Treasurer

Absent:

Susan Munkres, Board Member
Nancy Nesbitt, Board Member

Also in attendance:

Jarred Cobb, Member Services Program Coordinator, Board Liason
Allison Weinhagen, Director of Member Services
Michael Healy, Board Facilitator
Pat Burns, General Manager
Stephanie Ratté, Board Minute Taker
Serrill Flash, member
Beverly Keim, member
Brian Guy, member
Jenna Banning, member
Rachel Hooper, member of the Thelma Maple Housing cooperative

Preliminaries

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 6:00.

Review minutes

The Agenda was approved.

The August minutes were accepted with the following addition/changes :

Board Education and Discussion: The Board reached consensus to continue the current format, inviting representatives from other cooperative sectors *and agreed to check in again on this item in November.*

Board Monitoring D6: Board Meetings

The Board reviewed this report together and found themselves in compliance. *They also agreed to look at CBLD C4 template at a future meeting and consider replacing D6 with some modifications.*

The two following sentences: "The Board reviewed the new CBLD template. They reached consensus to slightly modify the CBLD version and replace the current D2 policy with the modified CBLD policy" should be struck from the August minutes as they were mistakenly left on from July.

Board Education and Discussion

Julia invited Rachel Hooper, who lives in Thelma Maple housing cooperative, to speak with the Board. Rachel shared her experience of living in a housing cooperative. They are one of five housing cooperatives in the greater Burlington area.

Board Perpetuation

Michael and others shared their experience at the Board Orientation meeting. It was attended by four prospective candidates.

Board Members shared their thoughts on the Board Perpetuation process going into the elections.

Annual Meeting Preparation

Pat presented the current plans for the Annual meeting. Each candidate will have 2 minutes to speak to the membership.

Don Schramm Award

This item was moved to Executive Session.

GM Reporting

Monthly GM Report

The Board asked clarifying questions on the report.

B1: Staff Treatment, Compensation and Benefits

The Board reached consensus that the data and interpretation were sufficient to demonstrate compliance.

Patronage Refund

Each year, patronage refund checks that are not cashed are donated to an organization. The GM proposed the Vermont Farm Viability Program. The Board concurred.

Board Monitoring

D5: Committee Principles

The Board reviewed this policy and found the Board was in compliance.

NFCA Annual Meeting report

Molly provided a report to the Board.

Future Planning

Open Member time response

N/A

Review BoD Calendar

The Board discussed changes to be made to the Board calendar.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:35.

The Executive Session ended at 8:59; the Don Schramm award winner was decided.

Wrap Up

- Disappointed with the Board Education piece.
- Found the Board education piece refreshing and interesting.
- Missed not receiving preparatory base knowledge on the speaker.
- Great to have so many guests.
- Feels forward moving.
- Looking forward to the annual meeting and appreciate all the work the staff has been doing.

Follow up

Molly will update the Board calendar with an annual GM evaluation.(Jul)

Pat will update the Board calendar based on the Future Planning discussion.

Molly will place a discussion about replacing the four officer role policies with the one CBLD officer template on a future meeting agenda. (Jul)

Molly will double check with Susan that she is prepared to present the Don Schramm award. (Sep)

Molly will place an item on the Nov agenda to get writers for Onion Skin articles. (Sep)

Julia will write a thank you letter to Rachel Hooper. (Sep)