

AGM Minutes - Oct 25th, 2012

Facilitator: Clara

Minute-taker: Dulcie

In attendance: Clara Luke, Mehdi Ravandi, Dulcie Vousden, Sam Whillans, Kaela Greenstien, Tiferet Nashman, Jeanne Mathieu-Lessard, Robbie Howton, Jessica Denyer, Willie Costello, Emily Blakelock, Mike Arsenault, Theresa Wadawek, Julie St-Laurent, Matthijs van Eede, Miriam Wilson, Rebecca Applebaum, Michelle St-Amour, Kevin Brown, Elyse Portal, Geoffrey Wilson, Jenn Kucharczyk, Rebecca Frailich, Nicole Davis, Hala Sayed, Lesia Kinach, Kelly Bray, Anny Chen, Samya Chapman, Carolyn Levett, Angela Hemp, David Janzen, Sherif Kinawy, Lukas Ley, Nadine Hare, Alexander Gopen, Michelle Hayman, Maggie O'Connor

1. Approval of Agenda

- i. Vote: All in favour, No objections, No abstains

2. Overview of financial statements by Steven Bark

- i. Explained his role: to assemble financial statements
- ii. There was a relatively low standard of care this year, but next year we will have to do an audit
- iii. After tax, we made \$7000!

3. Overview of operations (see slide show)

- i. Clara explained history of operations, membership, co-operative nature of business
- ii. Kevin explained bread collective
- iii. See slide show for headings.

4. Question Period

- i. Anny: What do you see as the "ideal" cooperative? Where do you want to expand to?

Response from Sam: the Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative runs Harvest Noon, but the cafe was not intended as the only venture of TSFC. We are limited by space, so we want to expand hours.

Response from Mehdi: We'd also like to support other businesses that are trying to support sustainable food and agriculture. It doesn't always have to be us serving food.

Response from Clara: It's also important to strengthen current operations.

- ii. Are there board members that will continue? Will they be involved in other ways?

Response: depends on how the members vote, and the individual board members.

There will likely be a transition period where previous board members will act as advisors.

- iii. Are there limits on the board numbers?

Yes: minimum 5 and upper 8.

- iv. Will the space be open as a study space?

Problem is staffing the space. Any member can also book the space.

v. Do we have collaborative events?

Response from Kaela, looking to work together.

Sam: We have been pretty focused on getting our own operations to be sustainable.

Dulcie/Clara: have been involved with Campus Ag. There's also an upcoming meeting with Hot Yam!

vi. Have we ever given anything to the food bank?

No we haven't, but we'd like to!

Break for food!

5. Vote on the bylaws

i. Condition 3.1 (no objections)

ii. 3.3 member discounts (no objections)

iii. Eligibility

Discussion: If board is not majority U of T students, is there concern we won't be responding to u of t needs?

iv. Employment of Directors (no objections)

v. Meeting proceedings (no objections)

vi. Indemnity (no objections)

vii. Conflict of interest (no objections)

viii. Renumeration (no objections)

Motion to ratify all the proposed changes to the bylaws.

Result: all in favour.

6. Elections

i. Candidates: Angela, Geoff, Sherif, Elyse, Clara, Willie, Theresa, Anny, Dulcie, Jessica

ii. Results: Angela, Sherif, Elyse, Willie, Theresa, Anny, and Jessica were elected; there was a tie for the eighth position on the board, between Dulcie and Geoff.

iii. Resolution of the tie postponed.

Addendum:

Geoff decided to withdraw his candidacy for the board, so Dulcie will fill the final seat on the board.