

1.26.15 Board Meeting

present Greg, Annelies Lottmann, Jen Mack, Haley Bradley, Sarah Kopper, John Vinson

called to order 6:50

Member Open Time

Greg presented information on upcoming grant issues and co-op

Consent Agenda/Minutes Review

Add title to Nov minutes, December minutes to be available in time for February's board meeting

Haley motioned to accept October and November minutes with edits, Annelies seconded, 3-0-0

Member Engagement Committee update presented by Jen

30 minute class in April to coincide with 1st quarter member checks, free to members and non-members but have supplies for sale for everything you are learning about with a discount for co-op members

middle/end of Feb there will be a large amount of seedlings for sale at the farmstand

monthly sip and strolls, really casual laid back BYOB affairs at member's gardens.

Membership Handbook Committee Update presented by Sarah

Sarah motions to accept new commission system, Jen seconds 4-0-0

Price fluctuation policy discussed, no changes to functional policy

Sarah motions to accept price fluctuation policy, Jen seconds 4-0-0

Foraging discussion

-require members to have written assurance on file that the food they forage is grown in accordance with all Yard to Market policies regarding inputs and grow green requirements, aim to use this to create a foraging map of Austin

-Sarah will email a vote with language changes on foraging policy

Cottage Foods

-require main produce ingredient to be from state of Texas and at least one ingredient to be from a member's garden - table this discussion for later, start with nuts/dried herbs

Sarah motions to allow members to sell cracked or shelled nuts and dried herbs, Haley seconds, 4-0-0

break called 7:32

return 7:43

Nominations Committee formation

- prepare for board elections/board perpetuation
- Annelies is the chair, she will reach out and begin work on this
- decide on election date
- reach out to current members to find people interested in running for the board

Policy monitoring C.7 to be presented at the next meeting

Policy C.8 monitoring by Christa

Haley motions to accept monitoring, Jen seconds, 4-0-0

Policy B.3 to be presented next meeting

Friends of the Co-Op

- a way to allow people that want to give us money but aren't necessarily big gardeners
- they should have a card + a list to be kept in the cash box/etc
- Annelies will check with bylaws to make sure there are no changes that would need to be made, which would require a vote

Operations Update

- have a sales tax and use permit (hooray!)
- online store is becoming more member oriented to allow supply purchases
- eliminating 10% market sales fee that previously went to HOPE and was going to our coffers momentarily

Loan status

- need to decide how much we want to put forward for matching requirements for grants

Calendar Review

- Crop Swap is Feb. 1st @ HOPE before the market opens
- April 10th and 11th is Austin Coop Assoc summit
- some Sat. in April will be member gathering/class/check dispersal (maybe 18th)
- May 30th Annelies is speaking at Natural Gardener
- need date for member meeting ASAP
- Feb meeting Feb 23
- monitoring reports tbd by Christa

Feb. Agenda Items

- ends policies re member survey
- annelies moves to adjourn, jen seconds
- adjourned 8:34

AI Annelies

- let Greg/Rick know what tax forms we will be using
- is there a way to charge Co-op purchases against our disbursement checks
- check bylaws re friends of the co-op, send out email board vote if needed

AI Sarah

- email board reworded foraging guidelines for vote
- send lesley updated handbook stuffs