

## **Yard to Market Co-op**

Board Of Directors

Meeting Minutes 9/22/15

Call to order: 7:03pm

Present- Haley Bradley, Annelies Lottmann, Jen Mack, Ron Going, Lesley Williamson

Absent- Jacob Pousson

Guests- Brittany and Brian Fetterman

### **Consent agenda**

August minutes added to Consent Agenda

Haley motions to approve august minutes. Jen seconds. Motion passed 3-0-1

### **Board Agreement Discussion**

Discussed the highlighted sections of Haley's Board Member Draft agreement. Proposed changes. Board voted on the adoption of the Boar Agreement to be a part of new Board Member orientation.

Annelies moved to accept the agreement as amended during the Board discussion. Haley Seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Annelies will finalize, print and circulate the new agreement to be signed by next meeting

### **Member Engagement Committee Update**

Jen updated the board on the ME committee's most recent meeting. Two events are scheduled for October and one for November of this year. 10/3 garden tour at in.gredients. 10/20(tbconfirmed) happy hour at Black Star. 11/14 pot luck birthday party.

Followup for next meeting: Annelies will look into insurance requirements for having co-op sponsored work days at individual member gardens.

### **Committee Organization**

Committee organization was discussed and updated as follows:

Membership Engagement Committee: Jen (chair) Annelies, Shirley, Josh, Kathy

Membership Handbook Committee: Haley (chair)

Fundraising Committee: Annelies (chair), Haley. Will work with Ron on Strategic Planning

Board Perpetuation: Annelies (chair)

Board secretary was tasked with providing updated printed copies of Committee charters for Board Binders.

## **Grants**

Annelies announced that we have been informally told by USDA that our grant application is approved. More details to follow in later meetings.

Annelies tasked with applying for 2015 Food and Wine Alliance Grant

## **Policy Monitoring**

### A.2 Affordability

Though the report identified the “services” portion of this ends policy as out of compliance, the board concluded in discussion that a language change to the policy was required in order to achieve compliance.

Discussion surrounded the definition of “services that reduce the cost of gardening” in the policy. Board determined that language was imprecise. Tasked board Secretary and President to prepare amended language for Member vote at May 2016 member meeting. New language: “Offer goods and services that reduce and/or offset the cost of gardening for members.”

Board agreed with Ron’s recommendation to reserve discussion on additional services (beyond sales and distribution) for strategic planning sessions.

Annelies moved to accept the report. Haley Seconded. Motion Passed 4-0-0

Haley requested amendment- to add Ron Going as author of report.

Annelies Moved to accept amendment. Jen Seconded. Amendment passed 4-0-0.

### C.1 The Board’s Job

Jen Mack found the Board to be in compliance with this policy as a whole. Some discussion surrounded C.3.c. “holding the use of that power accountable, and clearly distinguishing between board and management responsibilities.” Board concluded that this section simply reiterates and re-enforces the need for clear separation between management and board duties, and a method by which to evaluate MD performance.

Haley moved to accept the report. Jen Seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

### C.4 Board Meetings

Jen Mack found the Board to be in compliance with the policy as a whole. Minimal discussion.

Annelies Moved to accept the report. Haley Seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

### B.4 Membership Rights and Responsibilities

Lesley Williamson found the co-op to be in compliance with the policy as a whole. Some discussion of the handbook review schedule. MD stated that Member Handbook Committee reviews handbook periodically, and board pointed out that this review is to take place annually.

Haley moved to accept the report. Jen seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Guests Brittany and Brian Fetterman left meeting (time not noted)

The Board Entered Internal Session to discuss operations, personnel issues financial issues, budgeting and strategic planning.

Board exited internal session (time not noted)

**Calendar Review**

10/3 Garden tour (10:30 am)

10/20 Black Star Happy Hour (evening)

10/27 Yard to Market Board Meeting (7-9)

11/14 Yard to Market Birthday (2PM)

11/16 Yard to Market board Strategic Planning Retreat (12-5pm)

9:19pm Annelies moves to adjourn meeting. Second not recorded. Motion passes 4-0-0

Meeting Adjourned.