

Open Harvest Board of Directors

Approved Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2009, 5:30 – 7:40 p.m. at Irving Rec Center
2010 Van Dorn Street

- Present** Alene Swinehart, David Murphy, Gail Kendall, Mary Jane Gruba, Carla McCullough, Miles Bryant, Sara Moshman, Bob Hutkins, Alisa Kushner, Dave Eckmann, Ingrid Kirst, Jim Nelson, Kelsi Swanson —Guests: Flame Alligator, Melissa Garcia
- Absent** Maggie Pleskac, Tim Arkebauer, Keith Dubas
- 5:35 p.m.** All consensus items accepted: minutes, agenda, and GM report. Jim Nelson noted that new hires are interviewed a second time with Margot Conrad sitting in.
- 5:40p.m.** L1 (Customer Service and Value) accepted. Aggregate scores on secret shopper surveys for OH were higher than our competition. L10 (Expansion and Expansion Preparation) Ingrid Kirst questioned future of this report as expansion goes forward. Stage 1: mostly —done □ New POS (point of sale) system not part of expansion. Greenlight scenario met: 62% sales to members (50%). Ends not part of this policy at this time. Accepted. General discussion of policies—L4.6 and L4.7 (Financial Conditions/ subpolicies) tabled as we are in expansion mode. Flame Alligator asked for policies to be public—Policy Committee will write overview.
- 6:00 p.m.** Elections—Bob Hudkins and Dave Eckmann will coordinate with Kelsi Swanson. Ingrid Kirst and Keith Dubas running for re-election along with John Christensen. On-line voting will augment in-store voting.
- 6:10 p.m.** Expansion update from GM: Eyes of the World may be out early, refrigeration units ordered. Discussed how to make progress reports more effective: use email, post in store, new sign on front. Sales and use reports will be updated as we go along because situation is fluid. Erickson & Sullivan architectural plans accepted. Contractor's interviews will start next week. Construction will require no additional insurance deposit with CCMA. Discussion on volunteers during construction—staff can volunteer outside of their job description. Liability should be in contractor's agreements.
- 6:30 p.m.** Member Loans: small progress so far, may get new phoners; current group has until next Friday (June 5) to show progress.

Discussion of increasing yearly membership fee from \$25 to \$40. Members given option of signing up for 4 years at \$25/year=\$100 equity—announce in July newsletter, will have July 1 to Dec. 31 to enroll; new fee will start in Jan. 2010. Members that overlap will be “grandfathered”. Passed by consensus.

6:45 p.m. Community Fund: Dave Eckmann gave history of the fund. \$725 currently on deposit. Colleen Nygren (OH bookkeeper) would like to move to expansion fund. This fund was an OH effort with Twin Pines Community Fund (<http://www.community.coop/ccf/about.php>) to fund local projects through donations. Dormant for past three years; tabled.

6:50 p.m. Policy Committee: L9 updated asking for breakdown of member status numbers--passed.

L4, 6 and 4.7 tabled. Sara Moshman questioned why 4th quarter figures are not included in L4; GM said they are historically inaccurate since they are estimates (that quarter is not complete when report is due). Financial committee may want them anyway.

Finance Committee did not meet.

6:55 p.m. Board notified of upcoming audit by Stevenson’s and Associates/they will coordinate with GM and bookkeeper.

7:00 p.m. Executive Session—staff and guests excused.

Submitted by Dave Eckmann

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