

CNFC Board Meeting
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues, April 25 2017
Fred's House

MINUTES: MEETING OF THE CORTES NATURAL FOOD CO-OP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

in attendance: Fred, Amy, Julia, Eric

general manager: Eric

administrative support: Mercedes

***missing members: motions cannot be passed due to not enough members**

1. Approval of the agenda

*motion to approve the agenda: **passed*

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

*motion to approve minutes from last two meetings: **passed*

3. General Manager's report

Hiring

Update: Summer staff interviews carrying out. Needing to hire 2 others for store. Some regular staff leaving.

Health Care Plan

- Update:
- Possible? Supervisors, possibility of extended benefits

Liquor License

- Co-op will cover costs of board members who will apply for liquor license. Everyone on the board must apply. Each member needs to physically apply for a criminal record check. Potential for members to travel together – Tuesday, May 2nd
- Engineer being consulted for floor plan
- Estimated several weeks before license attained

Dream Cuisine Dinners

- One more: May 4th
- Positive experience, provided employment, great turn-out
- Potential for fall series
- Follow-up meeting with all chefs to be scheduled

Café Hours

- Second Saturday's in May to be added
- 4 days in June, likely with Monday's added

Building Projects

- Update on hot water tank replacements
- Update on generator: needs fixing. Replace engine or ship new generator.
- Update on waste water system: one of tanks pumped.

Finances

- Fiscal year: earned 40K in summer, lost 40K in winter
- Difficult winter, lost product, power outages
- March up 12% from last year
- Waiting to hear back from accountant in June

4. Dandy Horse lease

- Update: Provisionally, charge \$200/month, have yet to hear back or confirm with Dandy Horse
- Ask Mielle to send the lease to Andrew, approved by board

5. Local farmer promotion project update: seven farmers have filled out the questionnaires. Mielle will pass the contact info to Suzanne, who will arrange with them, and Darcy, re: the photo shoots.

- Update: potential to put photos up above the cooler. 16 x 30 inch panels, room for 7. Content needs to be sorted and arranged by Mielle, as well as photos.
- Hire someone to install, tables to be donated
- No dates as of yet

6. Material additions

Update: bulletin board nearly complete, within next week/two weeks

Update: picnic tables. Go ahead or not? Possibility of finalizing stair/stage design before picnic tables, to understand space and dimensions. Who will build? Klahoose?

*over \$500 in donations for stage/stair reno's as of April 25, 2017

7. Quadra Island Builders

Update: conversation about putting a screen with audio showcasing ads in co-op. Find new location. Potential for different signage regarding partnership with QIB.

8. Upcoming AGM

Update: June 26, 7pm

- door prizes, doc movie and popcorn, beverages, to draw community members/potential co-op members. Focus on education about co-operatives.
- 4 existing board members up for re-election:
 - Michael
 - Fred
 - Suzanne
 - Philip
- Suzanne to provide clarity on AGM elections and terms of members
- Review of New Member hand-out and booklet: to be added to agenda for next meeting to review and approve

9. Land Committee Report

Update: come up with 20K for stage/stair re-design. Goal to have completed at end of June at latest.

Update: double doors, \$1500 estimate. 5 weeks before door will arrive. A lot of interested community members in renting out the space. Communication with current renters that renovations

will result in raising of rent – see if they are interested in working out a plan for all of the current renters.

Garden Update: current gardeners pulling out, reno's to fence to be done with funds from co-op and/or advertise use of free garden space/stewardship to the community via e-news.

10. Squirrel Cove Store

Current owners struggling due to their partners pulling out. How can co-op support? All restaurant equipment sold. Wants to attract community members and develop partnerships for the restaurant – chefs. Connect with chefs from dream cuisine dinners for potential to take over the space. Potential to supply baked goods?

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