

CNFC Board Meeting  
August 31st, 2016  
4:00 pm, CNFC Cafe

Minutes: Meeting of the  
Cortes Natural Food Co-op Board of Directors

in attendance: Suzanne, Michael, Julia, Fred, Philip, Eric, Mielle

Approval of the minutes:

Philip moves to approve the minutes. Fred seconds the motion. All are in favour.

Approval of the agenda:

Philip moves to approve the agenda as amended. Fred seconds the motion. All are in favour.

General **manager's** report:

CAFE:

-hiring in all areas—looking for a new barista.

-changing hours to mon/weds/fri. kitchen will make soup, sandwiches and salads.

STORE:

-focus on produce department

-this year what local growers are bringing in is different than last year due to weather/growing patterns.

-idea: asking local produces for end-of-season feedback.

-organizing someone to focus on craft table to get it ready for the holidays.

-this summer we had even more of a compressed season (perhaps because of the weather?).

There was a peak 4-week period.

FUNDRAISING:

Music and Pie night: \$1,400 raised for courtyard

THREE PRIORITIES: 1. working on an operating budget. 2. benefits for staff. 3. a liquor licence for cafe.

IDEAS:

- The Cafe could host speciality dinner nights created by different local chefs. This would be launched in January, and patrons could provide their own alcohol.
- The store could carry speciality wine for sale.

Discussion re server responsibility and liability if alcohol is to be served in the Cafe.

Committee reports:

LAND COMMITTEE:

- Discussion of contracts with Jam group and HACI  
(re: HACI electrical costs: CNFC installing meter, HACI covering the rest)
- Idea: smoking temple like hollyhock?
- Discussion re fundraising strategies

BOARD DEVELOPMENT:

Colin Funk has offered to hold a board development workshop in October.

Recruitment is needed for vacant board positions:

- The board is seeking members with experience in fundraising or with finances
- Action: advertising in tidelines and the CNFC newsletter

Executive session

In-camera discussion

meeting is adjourned at 6:10 pm.